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credited to such member. One half of such service but not in excess of twelve years shall be computed and credited to such member as though such service was performed as a member of the judges' retirement system. Upon such transfer being made the state treasurer shall deposit such moneys in the judges' retirement fund. In the event that any such member should terminate judicial service prior to his entitlement to retirement benefits under any of the provisions of chapter 2.12 RCW, he shall upon request therefor be repaid from the judges' retirement fund an amount equal to the amount of his employees' contributions to the Washington public employees' retirement system and interest plus interest thereon from the date of the transfer of such moneys: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That this section shall not apply to any person who is retired as a judge as of the effective date of this act.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. This 1970 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 97 [House Bill No. 158] DEBT ADJUSTING--LENDERS OR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS, USURY

AN ACT Relating to debtors and lenders; amending section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.28.010; and amending section 1, chapter 142, Laws of 1969, 1st ex. sess., and RCW 19.52.080.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18-.28.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter shall have the following meanings: (1) "Debt adjusting" means the managing, counseling, settling, adjusting, prorating, or liquidating of the indebtedness of a debtor, or receiving funds for the purpose of distributing said funds among creditors in payment or partial payment of obligations of a debtor.

(2) "Debt adjuster", which includes any person known as a debt pooler, debt manager, debt consolidator, debt prorater, or credit counselor, is any individual person engaging in or holding himself out as engaging in the business of debt adjusting for compensation. The term shall not include:

 (a) Attorneys at law, escrow agents, accountants, brokerdealers in securities, or investment advisors in securities, while performing services solely incidental to the practice of their professions;

(b) Any person, partnership, association, or corporation doing business under and as permitted by any law of this state or of the United States relating to banks, small loan companies, industrial loan companies, trust companies, mutual savings banks, savings and loan associations, building and loan associations, credit unions, crop credit associations, development credit corporations, industrial development corporations, title insurance companies, or insurance companies.

(c) Persons who, as employees on a regular salary or wage of an employer not engaged in the business of debt adjusting, perform credit services for their employer;

(d) Public officers while acting in their official capacities and persons acting under court order;

(e) Any person while performing services incidental to the dissolution, winding up or liquidation of a partnership, corporation, or other business enterprise.

(f) Nonprofit organizations dealing exclusively with debts owing from commercial enterprises to business creditors.

(g) Nonprofit organizations engaged in debt adjusting and which do not assess against the debtor a service charge in excess of [761] five dollars per month.

(3) "Debt adjusting agency" is any partnership, corporation, or association engaging in or holding itself out as engaging in the business of debt adjusting.

(4) "License" means a debt adjuster license or debt adjusting agency license issued under the provisions of this chapter.

(5) "Licensee" means a debt adjuster or debt adjusting agency to whom a license has been issued under the provisions of this chapter.

(6) "Director" means the director of the department of motor vehicles.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 142, Laws of 1969, 1st ex. sess., and RCW 19.52.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Corporations, Massachusetts trusts, associations, ((and)) limited partnerships, and persons engaged in the business of lending money or the development or improvement of real estate in the state of Washington may not plead the defense of usury nor maintain any action thereon: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That this section shall apply only to a transaction which involves an amount in excess of one hundred thousand dollars.

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> CHAPTER 98 [House Bill No. 162] SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES--CIVIL DISTURBANCES--PENALTIES

AN ACT Relating to civil disturbances; and providing penalties. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, singly or in concert with others, to interfere by force or violence with any administrator, faculty member or student of any university, college, community college or public school who is in the peaceful discharge or conduct of his duties or studies.