

persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. Sections 1 through 27 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 10 RCW, and shall be considered the successor chapter to chapter 10.76 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. The following acts or parts of acts are each hereby repealed:

(1) Section 262, page 239, Laws of 1873, section 1, chapter 30, Laws of 1907 and RCW 10.76.010;

(2) Section 2, chapter 30, Laws of 1907 and RCW 10.76.020;

(3) Section 3, chapter 30, Laws of 1907 and RCW 10.76.030;

(4) Section 126, page 121, Laws of 1854, section 262, page 239, Laws of 1873, section 1101, Code of 1881, section 79, chapter 28, Laws of 1891, section 4, chapter 30, Laws of 1907 and RCW 10.76.040;

(5) Section 5, chapter 30, Laws of 1907, section 49, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 10.76.050;

(6) Section 8, chapter 30, Laws of 1907, section 1, chapter 48, Laws of 1957, section 1, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 ex. sess., section 50, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 10.76.060;

(7) Section 6, chapter 30, Laws of 1907, section 2, chapter 48, Laws of 1957, section 2, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 ex. sess., section 51, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 10.76.070; and

(8) Section 7, chapter 30, Laws of 1907, section 52, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 10.76.080.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1973.

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 CHAPTER 118  
 [Senate Bill No. 2353]  
 BALLOT TITLES--PETITIONS--  
 FORMAT CHANGE

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending section 29.27.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.27.060; amending section 29.79.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79.040; amending section 29.79.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79.050; and amending section 29.79.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79.080.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 29.27.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.27.060 are each amended to read as follows:

When a proposed constitution or constitutional amendment or other question is to be submitted to the people of the state for state-wide popular vote, the attorney general shall prepare a concise statement posed as a question and not exceeding ~~((seventy-five))~~ twenty words containing the essential features thereof expressed in such a manner as to clearly identify the proposition to be voted upon.

Questions to be submitted to the people of a county or municipality shall also be advertised as provided for nominees for office, and in such cases there shall also be printed on the ballot a concise statement posed as a question and not exceeding ~~((seventy-five))~~ twenty words containing the essential features thereof expressed in such a manner as to clearly identify the proposition to be voted upon, which statement shall be prepared by the city attorney for the city, and by the prosecuting attorney for the county or any other political subdivision of the state, other than cities, situated in the county.

~~((In addition to such a statement, the official preparing the statement, whether the attorney general, city attorney, or prosecuting attorney, as the case may be, shall also prepare a caption, not to exceed five words in length, to permit the voters readily to identify the proposition and distinguish it from other propositions on the ballot. This caption shall be placed on the ballot immediately before the statement, and shall be printed in heavy black type in such a manner as to be readable at a glance. The caption and))~~ Such concise statement ~~((together))~~ shall constitute the ballot title. The secretary of state shall certify to the county auditors the ballot title for a proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or other state-wide question at the same time and in the same manner as the ballot titles to initiatives and referendums.

Sec. 2. Section 29.79.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Within ten days after the receipt of an initiative or referendum measure the attorney general shall formulate therefor and transmit to the secretary of state a concise statement ~~((of))~~ posed as a question and not to exceed ~~((one-hundred))~~ twenty words, bearing the serial number of the measure. The statement may be distinct from the legislative title of the measure, and shall express, and give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure; it shall not be intentionally an argument, nor likely to create prejudice, either for or against the measure. ~~(( In addition to such statement, the attorney general shall also prepare a caption, not to exceed five words in length, to permit the voters readily to identify the~~

initiative or referendum measure and distinguish it from other questions on the ballot. This caption and the) Such concise statement ((together)) shall constitute the ballot title. The ballot title formulated by the attorney general shall be the ballot title of the measure unless changed on appeal.

Sec. 3. Section 29.79.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the filing of the ballot title for an initiative or referendum measure in his office, the secretary of state shall forthwith notify the persons proposing the measure by ((telegraph)) telephone and by mail of the exact language thereof.

Sec. 4. Section 29.79.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the ballot title being established, the persons proposing the measure may prepare blank petitions and cause them to be printed upon single sheets of (white) paper of good writing quality twelve inches in width and fourteen inches in length, with a margin of one and three-quarters inches at the top for binding. Each petition at the time of circulating, signing, and filing with the secretary of state shall consist of not more than ((five)) one sheet((s)) with numbered lines for not more than twenty signatures on each sheet, with the prescribed warning, title and form of petition on each sheet, and a full, true and correct copy of the proposed measure referred to therein printed on the reverse side of said petition or on sheets of paper of like size and quality as the petition, firmly fastened together.

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CHAPTER 119

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2382]

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM--PRO

TEMPORE SERVICE--LIMITATIONS

AN ACT Relating to the Washington judicial retirement system; amending section 15, chapter 267, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 2.10.150.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 15, chapter 267, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 2.10.150 are each amended to read as follows:

Every judge retired either for service or disability under the