

due regard for the privacy interests of judges or justices who are the subject of an inquiry and the protection of persons who file complaints with the commission. Any person giving information to the commission or its employees, any member of the commission, or any person employed by the commission is subject to a proceeding for contempt in superior court for disclosing information in violation of a commission rule.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. The commission shall for all purposes be considered an independent part of the judicial branch of government.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. The commission shall cease to exist on June 30, 1987, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. Sections 2 through 14 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 2 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the judicial qualifications commission for the biennium ending June 30, 1983 a sum of \$287,000.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. This 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.

Passed the Senate April 25, 1981.

Passed the House April 20, 1981.

Approved by the Governor May 18, 1981.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 18, 1981.

CHAPTER 269

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 257]

BORDER TOWNS—POLICE PROTECTION—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to border towns; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds and declares that certain counties and municipalities near international borders are subjected to a constant volume and flow of travelers and visitors for whom local government services must be provided. The legislature further finds that it is in the public interest and for the protection of the health, property, and welfare of the residents and visitors to provide supplemental resources to augment and maintain existing levels of police protection in these areas.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Funds appropriated by the legislature as supplemental resources for border areas shall be distributed pursuant to a formula developed by the planning and community affairs agency under chapter 34.04 RCW based on border traffic and historical public impacts of law enforcement problems caused by the border on local budgets. All funds received by Whatcom County under this section shall be spent within the Point Roberts area.

As used in this section, "border area" means any incorporated city or town located within seven miles of the Washington-Canadian border and any point of land surrounded on three sides by water and adjacent to the Canadian border.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is appropriated to the planning and community affairs agency from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars to carry out the purposes of this act. The planning and community affairs agency shall use no more than one percent of the appropriated funds to administer the program.

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CHAPTER 270

[Substitute House Bill No. 561]

BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING—ALLOTMENTS—APPROPRIATIONS— REPORTS

AN ACT Relating to budget and accounting procedures; amending section 43.88.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.88.010; amending section 43.88.020, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 25, chapter 87, Laws of 1980 and RCW 43.88.020; amending section 43.88.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 26, chapter 87, Laws of 1980 and RCW 43.88.030; amending section 43.88.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 137, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.88.090; amending section 43.88.110, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 138, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.88.110; amending section 43.88.120, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 7, chapter 100, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.88.120; amending section 43.88.140, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.88.140; amending section 43.88.150, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.88.150; amending section 43.88.160, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 139, chapter 151, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.88.160; amending section 43.88.230, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 11, chapter 293, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.88.230; amending section 2, chapter 320, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.88.290; amending section 2, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 6, chapter 235, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.025; adding new sections to chapter 43.88 RCW; repealing section 3, chapter 41, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 17, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess., section 37, chapter 75, Laws of 1977 and RCW 43.06.140; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: