

criminal case or assist the prosecuting attorney in the appellate review if the attorney general finds that the case involves fundamental issues affecting the public interest and the administration of criminal justice in this state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each added to chapter 43.10 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 5, chapter 335, Laws of 1981 (un-codified) is repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 4 of 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.

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CHAPTER 252

[Senate Bill No. 3436]

STATE-WIDE BALLOT ITEMS—BALLOT TITLE

AN ACT Relating to elections; and amending RCW 29.27.060.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.27.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 3, chapter 4, Laws of 1977 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 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 ~~((twenty words, or))~~ seventy-five words ~~((in the case of a school district tax proposition,))~~ 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.

~~((Such))~~ The concise statement ~~((shall))~~ constitutes 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.

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CHAPTER 253

[Senate Bill No. 3445]

PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREAS

AN ACT Relating to parks and recreation service areas; and amending RCW 36.68.400.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 218, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1981 and RCW 36.68.400 are each amended to read as follows:

Any county shall have the power to create park and recreation service areas for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of ~~((neighborhood))~~ any park, senior citizen activities centers, zoos, aquariums, and recreational facilities as defined in RCW 36.69.010 which shall be owned or leased by the county and administered as other county parks or shall be owned or leased and administered by a city or town. ~~((The service areas created as hereinafter set forth may finance any of the following park purposes: (1) Acquisition or lease of park sites and buildings; (2) construction of improvements upon county park allocated lands or city or town park lands which will promote leisure time and recreational activities of residents on a neighborhood basis, including but not limited to the construction of field houses, swimming pools, tennis courts, playfields, and other facilities; (3) maintenance of any park or recreational facility owned or leased by a county, city, or town, including the purchase of))~~ A park and recreation service area may purchase athletic equipment and supplies ((and)), and provide for the upkeep of park buildings, grounds and facilities((, and (4) engaging)), and provide custodial, recreational and park program personnel at any park or recreational facility owned or leased by the service area or a county, city, or town. A park and recreation service area shall be a quasi-municipal corporation, an independent taxing "authority" within the meaning of section 1, Article 7 of the Constitution, and a "taxing district" within the meaning of section 2, Article 7 of the Constitution.

A park and recreation service area shall constitute a body corporate and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes as