

CHAPTER 90.

[H. B. 276.]

GRAND JURIES SUMMONED BY SUPERIOR COURTS.

AN ACT relating to grand juries; authorizing superior court judges in certain cases to summon and convene a grand jury on their own motion, limiting any one period in which a grand jury sits to sixty days, and repealing section 10.28.230, R.C.W.

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

Judge of superior court may summon grand jury.

SECTION 1. The judge of the superior court of any county or counties, or a majority of superior court judges where there is more than one judge of said court, may summon a grand jury to attend court in any county within such judicial district, when in their opinion the public interest so demands, by filing their written directions with the clerk of the court.

Time jury to sit may be limited.

SEC. 2. Such superior court judge or such majority of judges, wherein the grand jury is convening, may limit the length of time the grand jury may sit after being summoned to sixty days.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 3. Section 10.28.230, R.C.W., as derived from section 7, of the act approved January 29, 1890, Laws of 1889-1890, page 102, is repealed.

[Not codified in R.R.S.]

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 4. If any provisions of this act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid the remainder of this act and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Passed the House February 7, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.