
CHAPTER 45
[Engrossed House Bill No. 407]
STATE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

AN ACT Relating to state government; amending section 2, chapter 1, Laws of 1961, as amended by section 48, chapter 8, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and RCW 41.06.020; amending section 8, chapter 1, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.06.080; adding new sections to chapter 1, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 41.06 RCW; repealing section 6, chapter 1, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.06.060; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 1, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 41.06 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The purpose of this 1969 amendatory act is to provide for a more effective and efficient management of the state system for personnel administration by consolidating under the state personnel board and the department of personnel all the powers, duties and functions heretofore vested in the highway department personnel board and the highway department personnel system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 1, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 41.06 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The offices of the highway personnel board and the highway personnel director are hereby abolished. From and after the effective date of this 1969 amendatory act all highway department personnel in all classes of positions shall be governed and controlled by and be subject to the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW and the merit system rules and regulations adopted by the state personnel board, in the same manner as other state agencies now subject thereto: PROVIDED, That all highway department personnel shall remain subject to the classification plan and compensation plan in effect on the effective date of this 1969 amendatory act until such have been modified, amended, or incorporated into the state classification plan and compensation by the state personnel board.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 1, Laws of 1961

and to chapter 41.06 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All books, documents, records, papers, files, data, desks, chairs, typewriters and other office equipment, or other materials in the possession of, used or held by the highway department personnel board, the highway department personnel director, and any other person or persons performing duties and functions and exercising powers relating to the highway personnel board, shall be delivered and transferred to the state personnel board, and the state director of personnel. If any of the writings or other transfers pertaining to the functions herein transferred are considered by the state highway commission or the director of highways to be essential to the performance of duties of such agency, the director of highways may retain copies thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 1, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 41.06 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All classified civil service employees engaged in duties pertaining to the functions herein transferred shall be assigned and transferred to the state department of personnel and when transferred shall automatically retain their permanent or probationary status together with all rights, privileges and immunities attaching thereto.

Sec. 5. Section 8, chapter 1, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.06.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the department of personnel may make its services available on request, on a reimbursable basis, to:

- (1) Either the legislative or the judicial branch of the state government;
- (2) Any county, city, town, or other municipal subdivision of the state;
- (3) The institutions of higher learning ((~~4~~ ~~--The-department-of-highways~~)).

Sec. 6. Section 2, chapter 1, Laws of 1961, as amended by section 48, chapter 8, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and RCW 41.06.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the words used in this chapter have the meaning given in this section.

(1) "Institutions of higher learning" are the University of Washington, Washington State University, Central Washington State College, Eastern Washington State College, Western Washington State College, new, four-year state colleges subsequently authorized, and the various state community colleges;

(2) "Agency" means an office, department, board, commission or other separate unit or division, however designated, of the state government and all personnel thereof; it includes any unit of state government established by law, the executive officer or members of which are either elected or appointed, upon which the statutes confer powers and impose duties in connection with operations of either a governmental or proprietary nature;

(3) "Board" means the state personnel board established under the provisions of RCW 41.06.110 ((~~r~~)) and the personnel committee established under RCW 41.06.050 (~~and the personnel board established under RCW 41.06.060~~), except that this definition does not apply to the words "board" or "boards" when used in RCW 41.06.070;

(4) "Classified service" means all positions in the state service subject to the provisions of this chapter;

(5) "Competitive service" means all positions in the classified service for which a competitive examination is required as condition precedent to appointment;

(6) "Noncompetitive service" means all positions in the classified service for which a competitive examination is not required;

(7) "Department" means an agency of government that has as its governing officer a person, or combination of persons such as a commission, board or council, by law empowered to operate the agency responsible either to (1) no other public officer or (2) the governor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Section 6, chapter 1, Laws of 1961,

and RCW 41.06.060 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstances 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. 9. 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 July 1, 1969.

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CHAPTER 46
[Senate Bill No. 121]
INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS

AN ACT Relating to civil procedure; amending section 4, chapter 136, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 6, chapter 80, Laws of 1899, and RCW 4.56.110.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 136, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 6, chapter 80, Laws of 1899, and RCW 4.56.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Interest on judgments shall accrue as follows:

(1) Judgments (~~hereafter-rendered~~) founded on written contracts, providing for the payment of interest until paid at a specified rate, shall bear interest at the rate specified in such contracts, not in any case, however, to exceed ten percent per annum: PROVIDED, That said interest rate is set forth in the judgment (~~and all other judgments shall bear interest at the rate of six percent per annum from date of entry thereof~~).

(2) Except as provided under subsection (1) of this section, judgments shall bear interest at the rate of eight percent per annum from the date of entry thereof: PROVIDED, That in any case where a court is directed on review to enter judgment on a verdict or in any