

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

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CHAPTER 21
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 109]
DIVORCE, ANNULLMENT--
DUTY OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

AN ACT Relating to domestic relations; and amending section 8, chapter 215, Laws of 1949 and RCW 26.08.080.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 8, chapter 215, Laws of 1949 and RCW 26.08.080 are each amended to read as follows:

((Each party to any divorce or annulment action shall serve the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the action is commenced with copies of the summons and complaint and such other papers as may be required by court rule at the time the same are filed in the county clerk's office.)) Upon a special written order of the court it shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney to appear ((upon the trial of every default or noncontested)) in a divorce or annulment case((, and in such other divorce cases as the presiding judge may direct,)) as a party to said action and to advise the court, and to that end he shall have power to cause witnesses to be subpoenaed to testify at the trial, respecting any charges made in the complaint or answer or the performance or neglect of any duty by either, or upon any vital matter touching the status of the parties, and the witness fees of such witnesses called by the prosecuting attorney shall be charged to the county. The prosecuting attorney shall have the same right to appeal as other parties to the action. Neither the prosecuting attorney nor his deputy nor the law partner of either shall accept employment in any divorce case in his county or receive any fee or compensation from either party in any such divorce action.

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