

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. 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. 7. 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 54

[Senate Bill No. 2173]

SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONERS—NUMBER—AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to superior court commissioners; amending section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.24.010; and amending section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 1, chapter 188, Laws of 1963 and RCW 2.24.040.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

There may be appointed in each county or judicial district, by the judges of the superior court having jurisdiction therein, ((a)) one or more court commissioners for said county or judicial district. Each such commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States and an elector of the county or judicial district in which he may be appointed, and shall hold his office during the pleasure of the judges appointing him.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 1, chapter 188, Laws of 1963 and RCW 2.24.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Such court commissioner shall have power, authority, and jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior court and the judge thereof, in the following particulars:

(1) To hear and determine all matters in probate, to make and issue all proper orders therein, and to issue citations in all cases where same are authorized by the probate statutes of this state.

(2) To grant and enter defaults and enter judgment thereon.

(3) To issue temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions, and to fix and approve bonds thereon.

(4) To act as referee in all matters and actions referred to him by the superior court as such, with all the powers now conferred upon referees by law.

(5) To hear and determine all proceedings supplemental to execution, with all the powers conferred upon the judge of the superior court in such matters.

(6) To hear and determine all petitions for the adoption of children, for the dissolution of incorporations, and to change the name of any person.

(7) To hear and determine all applications for the commitment of any person to the hospital for the insane, with all the powers of the superior court in such matters: PROVIDED, That in cases where a jury is demanded, same shall be referred to the superior court for trial.

(8) To hear and determine all complaints for the commitments of minors with all powers conferred upon the superior court in such matters.

(9) To hear and determine ex parte and uncontested civil matters of any nature.

(10) To grant adjournments, administer oaths, preserve order, compel attendance of witnesses, and to punish for contempts in the refusal to obey or the neglect of his lawful orders made in any matter before him as fully as the judge of the superior court.

~~((+0))~~ (11) To take acknowledgments and proofs of deeds, mortgages and all other instruments requiring acknowledgment under the laws of this state, and to take affidavits and depositions in all cases.

~~((+1))~~ (12) To provide an official seal, upon which shall be engraved the words "Court Commissioner," and the name of the county for which he may be appointed, and to authenticate his official acts therewith in all cases where same is necessary.

~~((+2))~~ (13) To charge and collect, for his own use, the same fees for the official performance of official acts mentioned in ~~((subdivisions (4) and (+0) herein))~~ subsections (4) and (11) of this section as are provided by law for referees and notaries public.

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CHAPTER 55

[Senate Bill No. 2175]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION—COMPOSITION

AN ACT Relating to criminal justice training commissions; and amending section 3, chapter 94, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 43.101.030.

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