

(y) Purchasing and feeding or fattening live-stock.

(z) Growing, raising or cultivating trees, shrubs, bushes, plants and the like, either as forest or nursery products.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House January 11, 1934.

Passed the Senate January 11, 1934.

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## CHAPTER 58.

[H. B. 60.]

### ASSOCIATION OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.

AN ACT providing for the relief of congested superior court calendars; providing for the organization and government and duties and powers of "The Association of the Superior Court Judges of the State of Washington" and the officers thereof; and declaring an emergency.

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

Association of superior court judges.

SECTION 1. All the judges of the superior courts of the State of Washington are hereby associated under the name of the association of the superior court judges of the State of Washington.

First meeting called by Governor.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of the association shall be called by the Governor of the state by notice sent to each judge by mail, fixing the time and place of meeting, which shall be within thirty days after this act becomes effective. At this meeting the judges shall elect from their number a president, who shall be called president judge, and a secretary, who shall hold their offices until the next meeting, which shall be held at some time in July or August, 1935, and

President ; secretary.

at a date and place to be determined by the association.

SEC. 3. At this first meeting the association shall adopt a plan looking to the equitable distribution of the work of the superior courts of the state so that congestion in trial calendars shall be abolished. To this end the judge of each county or judicial district in the state having control of the trial calendar shall, not less than once each month, in writing, advise the president judge of the condition of the trial calendar of his county or district and of any other conditions requiring another judge. And it shall be the duty of the president judge to direct any judge whose calendar in his judgment will permit, to hold court in any other county where congestion exists or other conditions require for such time as will make for the efficient functioning of the superior courts of the state. And it shall be the duty of every judge to obey such direction of the president judge, unless excused by him for sufficient cause.

Plan to relieve congestion of trial calendars.

SEC. 4. At the first meeting and at all future annual meetings, pursuant to sec. 24, art. IV of the state constitution, the association shall have power to establish uniform rules for the government of the superior courts, which rules may be amended from time to time.

Power to establish uniform rules.

SEC. 5. Beginning with the year 1935, this association shall meet annually in July or August, at which meeting officers shall be chosen for the ensuing year and such other business transacted as may properly come before the association.

Meet annually.

SEC. 6. (a) For attendance upon any annual meeting a judge shall be entitled to receive from the State of Washington the amount of his actual traveling and living expenses.

Attendance of annual meeting: expenses.

(b) For attendance while holding court in any other county or district pursuant to direction of the

Visiting  
judge:  
expenses.

president judge, a judge shall be entitled to receive from the county to which he is sent the amount of his actual traveling and living expenses and also the excess, if any, in the salary then being paid the judges in such county or district over the salary being paid to the visiting judge in his own county or district, which excess in salary shall be paid one-half by the state and one-half by the visited county or district in the manner provided for payment of his expenses.

Statement to  
state auditor.

(c) Upon presenting to the state auditor a statement signed by himself and approved by the president judge, showing such salary excess, if any, as visiting judge, and in separate items his traveling and living expenses for attendance upon the annual meeting, the state auditor shall draw a warrant on the general fund for the amount of such statement and deliver it to such judge.

Existing  
laws.

SEC. 7. Except for the provisions of section 6 of this act, this act shall not be held to repeal any other existing law relating to the visitation of judges.

Effective  
immediately.

SEC. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House December 28, 1933.

Passed the Senate January 11, 1934.

Approved by the Governor January 18, 1934.