

CHAPTER 48
[Senate Bill No. 2182]
TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES—REGULATORY FEES

AN ACT Relating to transportation; amending section 81.24.010, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 6, chapter 210, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 81.24.010; and amending section 19, chapter 150, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 14, chapter 132, Laws of 1969 and RCW 81.70.180.

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

Section 1. Section 81.24.010, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 6, chapter 210, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 81.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Every company subject to regulation by the commission, except auto transportation companies, steamboat companies, wharfingers or warehousemen, motor freight carriers, and storage warehousemen shall, on or before the first day of April of each year, file with the commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars, except railroad companies which shall each pay to the commission a fee equal to ~~((six-tenths of one))~~ one and one-half percent of its intrastate gross operating revenue: PROVIDED, That the fee shall in no case be less than one dollar.

The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any one year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be classified as follows: Railroad, express, sleeping car, and toll bridge companies shall constitute class two. Every other company subject to regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are not otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged in.

Sec. 2. Section 19, chapter 150, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 14, chapter 132, Laws of 1969 and RCW 81.70.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Every charter party carrier of passengers shall, between the first and fifteenth days of January, April, July and October of each year, file with the commission a statement showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding three months, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission a fee of ~~((two-fifths))~~ four-fifths of one percent of the amount of gross operating revenue: PROVIDED, That the fee paid shall in no case be less than two dollars and fifty cents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That an "auto transportation company," which is also a charter party carrier of passengers, shall not be required to pay a fee to the commission on gross operating revenue upon which a fee has been paid in accordance with RCW 81.24.020. The percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid in any period may be decreased by the commission by general order entered

before the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which such fees are due.

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CHAPTER 49

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2222]

COURT OF APPEALS—JUDGES

AN ACT Relating to the court of appeals; amending section 2, chapter 221, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 2.06.020; amending section 1, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 and RCW 2.06.150; and adding a new section to chapter 2.06 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 221, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 2.06.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The court shall have three divisions, one of which shall be headquartered in Seattle, one of which shall be headquartered in Spokane, and one of which shall be headquartered in Tacoma:

(1) The first division shall have ~~((six))~~ eight judges from three districts, as follows:

(a) District 1 shall consist of King county and shall have ~~((four))~~ six judges;

(b) District 2 shall consist of Snohomish county and shall have one judge; and

(c) District 3 shall consist of Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom counties and shall have one judge.

(2) The second division shall have ~~((three))~~ four judges~~((,-one))~~ from ~~((each of))~~ the following districts:

(a) District 1 shall consist of Pierce county~~((:-))~~ and shall have two judges;

(b) District 2 shall consist of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston counties~~((:-))~~ and shall have one judge;

(c) District 3 shall consist of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties and shall have one judge.

(3) The third division shall have ~~((three))~~ four judges~~((,-one))~~ from ~~((each of))~~ the following districts:

(a) District 1 shall consist of Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens counties~~((:-))~~ and shall have two judges;

(b) District 2 shall consist of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties~~((:-))~~ and shall have one judge;

(c) District 3 shall consist of Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat and Yakima counties and shall have one judge.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 114, Laws of 1973 and RCW 2.06.150 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Whenever necessary for the prompt and orderly administration of justice, the chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Washington may appoint any