

merger under the provisions of RCW 36.93.150 through 36.93.180.

The respective boards of sewer and water commissioners of such districts shall certify such agreement to the county auditor of the county in which the districts are located within twenty days from date of execution of such agreement, with a certified copy thereof filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners of such county. Thereupon, unless the boundary review board has disapproved the proposed merger, the county auditor shall call a special election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the water district or of each of the two or more water districts involved the proposition of whether the water district shall be merged into the sewer district. Notice of the election shall be given, and the election conducted, in accordance with the general election laws.

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CHAPTER 147

[Engrossed House Bill No. 620]

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

AN ACT Relating to justices of the peace; amending section 10, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 23, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 3.34.010; and amending section 13, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 and RCW 3.34.040.

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

Section 1. Section 10, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 23, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 3.34.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The number of justices of the peace to be elected in each county shall be: Adams, three; Asotin, one; Benton, two; Chelan, one; Clallam, one; Clark, four; Columbia, one; Cowlitz, two; Douglas, ~~((two))~~ one; Ferry, two; Franklin, one; Garfield, one; Grant, ~~((three))~~ one; Grays Harbor, ~~((four))~~ two; Island, three; Jefferson, one; King, twenty; Kitsap, two; Kittitas, two; Klickitat, two; Lewis, one; Lincoln, two; Mason, one; Okanogan, two; Pacific, three; Pend Oreille, two; Pierce, eight; San Juan, one; Skagit, three; Skamania, one; Snohomish, eight; Spokane, eight; Stevens, two; Thurston, one; Wahkiakum, one; Walla Walla, three; Whatcom, two; Whitman, two; Yakima, six.

Sec. 2. Section 13, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 and RCW

3.34.040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Justices of the peace serving districts having a population of forty thousand or more persons, and justices receiving a salary (~~equal to or~~) greater than ~~((eight))~~ nine thousand dollars for serving as a justice, shall be deemed full time justices and shall devote all of their time to the office and shall not engage in the practice of law. Other justices shall devote sufficient time to the office to properly fulfill the duties thereof and may engage in other occupations but such justice shall not use the office or supplies furnished by the judicial district for his private business but shall maintain a separate office for his private business nor shall he use the services of any clerk or secretary paid for by the county for his private business.

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CHAPTER 148
[Encrossed House Bill No. 644]
MOTOR VEHICLES--
LIABILITY FOR OVERLOADING--
EXEMPTIONS FROM LIGHTENING REQUIREMENT

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; extending liability for penalties for overloading to a person controlling the loading; exempting certain persons from lightening requirement; amending section 1, chapter 69, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.120; and amending section 46.44.100, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, as amended by section 52, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.44.100.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 69, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever an act or omission is declared to be unlawful in chapter 46.44 RCW, ~~((if the operator of the vehicle is not the owner of such vehicle; but is so operating or moving the same with the express or implied permission of the owner; then the operator and/or owner shall both be subject to the provisions of this chapter with the primary responsibility to be that of the owner))~~ the owner of any motor vehicle involved in such act or omission shall be responsible therefor. Any person operating such vehicle, and any persons knowingly and intentionally participating in creating an unlawful