

## CHAPTER 151.

[H. B. 197.]

## COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT PERSONS ACCUSED OF CRIME.

AN ACT relating to the payment of counsel for the accused in a criminal case who by reason of poverty is unable to employ same, and amending section 53 of chapter 249 of the Laws of 1909 (section 2305 of Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Section 53 of chapter 249 of the Laws of 1909 (section 2305 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is hereby amended to read as follows: Amend-  
ments.

Section 53. Whenever a defendant shall be arraigned upon the charge that he has committed any felony, and shall request the Court to appoint counsel to assist in his defense, and shall by his own oath or such other proof as may be required satisfy the Court that he is unable, by reason of poverty, to procure counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel, not exceeding two, for such defendant, to be paid upon its order by the county in which such proceeding is had, compensation not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day for each counsel, for the number of days such counsel is actually employed in Court upon the trial and twenty-five dollars (\$25) for services in preparing for trial or plea. Appointment  
of counsel for  
indigents.  
  
Compensa-  
tion.

Passed the House February 6, 1941.

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Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.