

Period of effectiveness.

ment and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in full force for the duration of the existing war and for six months after the termination thereof by the signing of a definite treaty of peace, or by the proclamation of the President of the United States that hostilities have ceased.

Passed the House February 17, 1945.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1945.

CHAPTER 23.

[S. B. 49.]

OTOLOGIST—STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

AN ACT providing for the employment of an otologist by the State Department of Health, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Otologist for school children to be employed.

SECTION 1. The State Director of Health shall appoint and employ an otologist skilled in diagnosis of diseases of the ear and defects in hearing, especially for school children with an impaired sense of hearing, and shall fix the salary of such otologist in a sum not exceeding the salary of the director.

Shall make recommendations to parents and physicians.

SEC. 2. The otologist shall cooperate with the State Department of Public Instruction, and with the state, county and city health officers, seeking for the children in the schools who are hard of hearing, or have an impaired sense of hearing, and making otological inspections and examinations of children referred to him by such departments and officers. Where necessary or proper he shall make recommendations to parents or guardians of such children, and urge them to submit such recommendations to physicians to be selected by such parents or guardians.

SEC. 3. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund for special equipment, supplies, traveling expenses, and the salary of such otologist. Appropriation.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1945.

Passed the House February 28, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1945.

CHAPTER 24.

[S. B. 127.]

COURT REPORTERS—COMPENSATION—JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to official court reporters; fixing their compensation; providing methods whereby judicial districts having a population under twenty-five thousand may obtain official court reporters; and amending section 3, chapter 126, Laws of 1913, as amended by section 2, chapter 69, Laws of 1943 (section 42-3, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 108-1); and adding two new sections to be known as sections 3a and 3b.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 126, Laws of 1913, as amended by section 2, chapter 69, Laws of 1943 (section 42-3, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 108-1), is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 3. Each official reporter so appointed shall be paid a compensation as follows:

In judicial districts comprised of Class A or first class counties, four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per annum; in judicial districts having a total population of seventy thousand (70,000) and under one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000), thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per annum; in judicial districts having a total population of forty thousand (40,000) and under seventy thousand (70,000), thirty-four hundred dollars (\$3,400) per annum; in Compensation fixed.