

CHAPTER 233.

[H. B. 276.]

CODE COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to the compilation and codification of the statutory laws of the state, amending section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 1, chapter 252, Laws of 1943, amending section 5, chapter 252, Laws of 1943, making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 1, chapter 252, Laws of 1943 (section 152-40, Remington's Revised Statutes, 1943 Supplement, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 430-9), is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 5. The Committee shall be a continuing Code Committee with full power of codification of the laws above referred to, and shall have the power and duty to assign code numbers to such general laws as shall hereafter be passed at any legislative session; and the said Committee shall certify to the Secretary of State the numbers given to the sections which the Committee has determined shall be incorporated in such code. In addition, the Committee shall propose and submit to the Legislature changes and revisions of the above referred to laws, and shall submit by mail at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the 1947 legislative session, a copy of the proposed code and a copy of all such proposed changes and revisions to each and every judge of the Supreme Court and the Superior Courts of the State of Washington, to each member of the Legislature elected for the 1947 session, to the State Bar Association and to the various local bar associations of every county or city in the State of Washington, and to the various prosecuting attorneys of the State of Washington. Continuing code committee. Recommendations. Copies of proposals distributed.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 5, chapter 252, Laws of 1943 (section 152-44, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 430-17), which should have been designated as section 9, is hereby amended and designated as section 9, and as so amended shall read as follows:

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officials.

Section 9. The said Committee, as part of its activities, in collaboration with a committee of county officials (to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose, and the services of whom on such Committee are hereby declared to be official county business), shall cause to be prepared a compilation of all the constitutional and statutory provisions with respect to counties and county officers together with recommendations as to any revisions, amendments and additions which in the judgment of the Committee should be made to existing statutory provisions with respect to counties and county officers. Said constitutional provisions, together with the statutory provisions in substance and form as recommended by said Committee shall be submitted to the 1947 Legislature in such form that the Legislature upon adoption thereof may cause the same to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of various county officials.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used in carrying out the provisions of this act in chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as amended by chapter 252, Laws of 1943.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the support of the state government and its

existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 26, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 234.

[H. B. 504.]

REVISION OF STATE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

AN ACT relating to state government; providing for revision of the accounting system presently being used by state agencies; defining the powers and duties of certain state officers in connection therewith; making an appropriation, and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1945.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Governor, the State Auditor and the Director of Finance, Budget and Business, acting ex officio in the capacity of an Accounting Revision Committee to initiate, supervise and carry through to completion a thorough study and analysis of the accounting system or systems presently being used by the various state offices, departments, commissions, institutions and other agencies and to install a new and revised uniform system based upon the results of such studies and analysis. The Committee shall have power to employ a competent, qualified public accountant to serve as chief reviser who shall have general charge and supervision of the necessary studies and analyses and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Committee. It shall be the duty of the chief reviser to make all the necessary surveys of the present accounting records, to make the analyses prerequisite to a proper understanding of the accounting requirements of the various state offices, departments, commissions, institutions and other

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