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(4) "Court" means the superior court of this state and when the context requires, means the court of any other state as defined in a substantially similar reciprocal law.

(5) "Law" includes both common and statute law.

(6) "Duty of support" includes any duty of support imposed or imposable by law, or by any court order, decree or judgment, whether interlocutory or final, whether incidental to a proceeding for divorce, separate maintenance or otherwise.

(7) "Obligor" means any person owing a duty of support.

(8) "Obligee" means any person to whom a duty of support is owed and a state or political subdivision thereof.

(9) "Governor" includes any person performing the functions of governor or the executive authority of any territory covered by the provisions of this chapter.

(10) "Support order" means any judgment, decree or order of support whether temporary or final, whether subject to modification, revocation or remission regardless of the kind of action in which it is entered.

(11) "Rendering state" means any state in which a support order is originally entered.

(12) "Registering court" means any court of this state in which the support order of the rendering state is registered.

(13) "Register" means to file in the registry of foreign support orders as required by the court.

(14) "Certification" shall be in accordance with the laws of the certifying state.

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CHAPTER 32

[Engrossed House Bill No. 133]

MUNICIPAL COURTS, CITIES OVER 500,000--
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS--JUDGES PRO TEMPORE

AN ACT Relating to municipal courts; amending section 35.20.100, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 147, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 35.20.100; amending section 35.20.200, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.20.200; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 35.20.100, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 147, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 35.20.100 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be three departments of the municipal court, which shall be designated as Department Nos. 1, 2 and 3: PROVIDED, That when the administration of justice and the accomplishment of the work of the court make additional departments necessary, the legislative body of the city may create ((one)) additional ((department for each additional fifty thousand inhabitants over five hundred thousand, as determined by the most recent federal or state census. The latter shall be as provided by RCW 43.62.030 as now or hereafter amended)) departments as they are needed. The departments shall be established in such places as may be provided by the legislative body of the city, and each department shall be presided over by a municipal judge. The judges shall select, by majority vote, one of their number to act as presiding judge of the municipal court for a term of one year, and he shall be responsible for administration of the court and assignment of calendars to all departments. A change of venue from one department of the municipal court to another department shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of RCW 3.66.090, 3.20.100 and 3.20.110 in all civil and criminal proceedings. The city shall assume the costs of the elections of the municipal judges in accordance with the provisions of RCW 29.13.045.

Sec. 2. Section 35.20.200, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.20.200 are each amended to read as follows:

The mayor shall, from attorneys residing in the city and qualified to hold the position of judge of the municipal court as provided in RCW 35.20.170, appoint judges pro tempore who shall act in the absence of the regular judges of the court or in addition to the regular judges when the administration of justice and the accomplishment of the work of the court make it necessary. The judges of the municipal court shall promulgate rules establishing general standards for the use of judges pro tempore. A copy of said rules shall be filed with the legislative authority of the city at the time of budget consideration. Such appointments shall be made from a list of attorneys in accordance herewith furnished by the judges of the municipal court, which list shall contain not less than five names in addition to the number of judges pro tempore requested. Appointment of judges pro tempore shall be for the term of office of the regular judges unless sooner removed in the same manner as they were appointed. While acting as judge of the court judges pro tempore shall have all of the powers of the regular judges. Before entering upon his duties, each judge pro tempore shall take, subscribe and file an oath as is taken by a municipal judge. Judges

pro tempore shall not practice before the municipal court during their term of office as judge pro tempore. Such municipal judges pro tempore shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by ordinance by the legislative body of the city and such compensation shall be paid by the city.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This 1972 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 33
[House Bill No. 150]
RULES OF THE ROAD

AN ACT Relating to highways and the operation of vehicles thereon; amending section 15, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 46, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.100; amending section 20, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.125; amending section 21, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.130; and amending section 25, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.150.

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

Section 1. Section 15, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 46, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.100 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;

(b) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall yield the right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;

(c) Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

(d) Upon a roadway (~~designated and signposted for~~) restricted to one-way traffic.