

CHAPTER 44.

[H. B. 4.]

GROUP PLAN LIFE INSURANCE FOR BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY EMPLOYEES.

AN ACT relating to the powers of banks, mutual savings banks, trust companies and savings and loan associations in respect of life insurance for their officers and employees.

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

Authoriza-
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insure.

SECTION 1. A bank, mutual savings bank, trust company or savings and loan association, in the discretion of its governing board, may pay a part not exceeding three-fifths of the cost of group-plan life insurance for such of its active officers and employees as will participate in paying the rest of the cost: *Provided*, That the terms and conditions of any such insurance be approved by the state insurance commissioner.

Approval of
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sioner.

Passed the House November 20, 1925.

Passed the Senate December 8, 1925.

Approved by the Governor December 19, 1925.

CHAPTER 45.

[H. B. 40.]

JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

AN ACT establishing a judicial council and prescribing its powers and duties and the duties of other officers in respect thereof.

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

Members.

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a judicial council, which shall consist of the chief justice and one other judge of the supreme court, two superior judges, two members of the legislature, and three members of the bar who are practicing law and one of whom is a prosecuting attorney. The judge of the supreme court other than the chief justice shall be chosen by the court. The two superior judges

Method of
choosing.

shall be chosen by the superior judges through their association, if they have one, but if not, then in such manner as the judges of the supreme court shall prescribe by rule. The members of the legislature shall be the persons last appointed chairman of the judiciary committees of the senate and the house. The members of the bar shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court with the advice and consent of the other judges of the court.

SEC. 2. The term of the member of the council who is a judge, a chairman of a judiciary committee of the legislature, or a prosecuting attorney shall be for the rest of his term in the office that qualified him to become a member. The term of a member chosen from the bar, except the one who is a prosecuting attorney, shall be two years. A vacancy shall be filled for the rest of the term by appointment as in the first instance.

Length of terms.

Vacancies.

SEC. 3. The chief justice shall be chairman of the council, and one of the other members may be appointed by the council to be executive secretary. The state law librarian shall be recording secretary, and he shall keep in his office records of the proceedings and acts of the council. The council may make rules for its procedure and the conduct of its business, and may employ such clerical assistants and procure such office supplies as shall be necessary in the performance of its duties.

Chairman.

Secretary.

Assistants.

SEC. 4. A meeting of the council shall be held at the seat of government on the second Monday of September of each year. Other regular meetings may be provided for by rule. A special meeting may be held anywhere in the state at any time upon call by the chairman or five other members of the council and upon notice given to each member in time to enable him to attend.

Meetings.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the council

Duties.

(1) Continuously to survey and study the opera-

tion of the judicial department of the state, the volume and condition of business in the courts, whether of record or not, the methods of procedure therein, the work accomplished, and the character of the results;

(2) To receive and consider suggestions from judges, public officers, members of the bar, and citizens as to remedies for faults in the administration of justice;

(3) To devise ways of simplifying judicial procedure, expediting the transaction of judicial business, and correcting faults in the administration of justice;

(4) To submit from time to time to the courts or the judges such suggestions as it may deem advisable for changes in rules, procedure, or methods of administration;

(5) To report biennially to the governor and the legislature on the condition of business in the courts, with the council's recommendations as to needed changes in the organization of the judicial department or the courts or in judicial procedure; and

(6) To assist the judges in giving effect to section twenty-five of article four of the constitution.

Reports to
council.

SEC. 6. Judges and other officers of the courts, whether of record or not, and all other state, county and municipal officers shall render to the council such reports as it may request on matters within the scope of its duty to inquire.

Hearings.

SEC. 7. The council may hold public meetings and hearings, and shall have power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents. Every member of the council shall have power to administer oaths and to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents before the

Oaths and
subpoenas.

council, and the superior court shall have power to enforce obedience to such subpoenas and to compel the giving of testimony.

SEC. 8. A member of the council shall not receive compensation for his services but shall be allowed his actual necessary expenses when traveling on business of the council. Traveling expenses.

Passed the House November 23, 1925.

Passed the Senate December 3, 1925.

Approved by the Governor December 19, 1925.

CHAPTER 46.

[H. B. 85.]

LAND DEEDED BY STATE TO SPOKANE COUNTY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

AN ACT authorizing the conveyance by deed of certain lands to Spokane County for highway purposes, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. The governor and the secretary of state shall, respectively, execute and attest, in the name of the State of Washington, a quit claim deed of conveyance to the County of Spokane as a right of way for a public highway, along and across a strip of land 60 feet wide over and across the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$); the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$); the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and Government Lot 1 of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 40 East W. M. or so much thereof as lies within said 60 foot strip, being 30 feet on each side of the following described center line, viz:

Beginning at a point on the west boundary of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 40 East W. M., 122.8 feet north of the

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Description.