

SEC. 4. Any officer authorized to issue motor vehicle operator's licenses in this state is empowered to require satisfactory evidence of the age of the applicant as a condition precedent to the issuance of any motor vehicle operator's license.

New section. Evidence of age prerequisite to obtaining license.

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## CHAPTER 243.

[ H. B. 59. ]

### RETIREMENT OF SUPREME AND SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.

AN ACT relating to supreme and superior court judges; providing in certain cases retirement benefits for widows of judges, increasing contributions from the state to the retirement fund, amending section 3, chapter 229, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 1, chapter 79, Laws of 1951, and RCW 2.12.030; and amending section 6, chapter 229, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 2, chapter 79, Laws of 1951, and RCW 2.12.060, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 229, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 1, chapter 79, Laws of 1951, and RCW 2.12.030 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 2.12.030 amended.

Every judge of the supreme or superior court of the state who retires from office under the provisions of this chapter shall be entitled to receive monthly during the period of his natural life, out of the fund hereinafter created, an amount equal to one-half of the monthly salary he was receiving as a judge at the time of his retirement, or at the end of the term immediately prior to his retirement if his retirement is made after expiration of his term. The widow of any judge who shall have heretofore retired or may hereafter retire, or of a judge who was heretofore

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or may hereafter be eligible for retirement at the time of his death, if she had been his wife continuously for ten years prior to his being eligible for retirement, shall be paid an amount equal to one-half of the retirement pay for her husband, as long as she remains unmarried. Payments to any widow shall be reduced by any amount received by her subsequent to her husband's death under social security, old age assistance, or other grant in aid under state and federal law. The retirement pay shall be paid monthly by the state treasurer on or before the tenth day of each month. The provisions of this section shall apply to the widow of any judge who dies while holding such office or dies after having retired under the provisions of this act and who at the time of his death had served ten or more years in the aggregate as a judge of the supreme or superior court or both and if such widow had been his wife continuously for ten years prior to his death.

RCW 2.12.060  
amended.

SEC. 2. Section 6, chapter 229, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 2, chapter 79, Laws of 1951 and RCW 2.12.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Fund, how  
constituted—  
Salary deduc-  
tions—Aid.

For the purpose of providing moneys in said judges' retirement fund, concurrent monthly deductions from judges' salaries and portions thereof payable from the state treasury and withdrawals from the general fund of the state treasury shall be made as follows: Six and one-half percent shall be deducted from the monthly salary of each judge of the supreme court and six and one-half percent of the total salaries of each judge of the superior court shall be deducted from that portion of the salary of such judges payable from the state treasury; and a sum equal to six and one-half percent of the combined salaries of the judges of the supreme court and the judges of the superior court shall be withdrawn from the general fund of the state treasury. In consid-

eration of the contributions made by the judges to the judges' retirement fund, the state hereby undertakes to guarantee the solvency of said fund and the legislature shall make biennial appropriations from the general fund of amounts sufficient to guarantee the making of retirement payments as herein provided for if the money in the judges' retirement fund shall become insufficient for that purpose, but such biennial appropriation may be conditioned that sums appropriated may not be expended unless the money in the judges' retirement fund shall become insufficient to meet the retirement payments. The deductions and withdrawals herein directed shall be made on or before the tenth day of each month and shall be based on the salaries of the next preceding calendar month. The state auditor shall issue warrants payable to the treasurer to accomplish the deductions and withdrawals herein directed, and shall issue the monthly salary warrants of the judges for the amount of salary payable from the state treasury after such deductions have been made. The treasurer shall cash the warrants made payable to him hereunder and place the proceeds thereof in the judges' retirement fund for disbursement as authorized in this chapter.

Salary deductions—Aid.

SEC. 3. This 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.

Emergency.

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