

Each term of the initial commissioners shall date from the time above specified following the organizational election, but shall also include the period intervening between the organizational election and the first day of January following the next district general election: PROVIDED, That in public hospital districts encompassing portions of more than one county, the total vote cast upon the proposition to form the district shall exceed forty percent of the total number of votes cast in each portion of each county lying within the proposed district at the next preceding general county election. The portion of ~~((said))~~ the proposed district located within each county shall constitute a separate commissioner district. There shall be three district commissioners whose terms shall be six years. Each district shall be designated by the name of the county in which it is located. All candidates for commissioners shall be voted upon by the entire district. Not more than one commissioner shall reside in any one district: PROVIDED FURTHER, That in the event there are only two districts then two commissioners may reside in one district. The term of each commissioner shall commence on the first day in January in each year following his election. At the election at which the proposition is submitted to the voters as to whether a district shall be formed, three commissioners shall be elected to hold office, respectively, for the terms of two, four, and six years. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes within the district, as constituted by ~~((said))~~ the election, shall serve a term of six years; the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for a term of four years; and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for a term of two years: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the holding of each such term of office shall be subject to the residential requirements for district commissioners hereinbefore set forth in this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 40. Section 15, chapter 6, Laws of 1947 and RCW 68.52.230 are each repealed.

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## CHAPTER 260

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6827]

### STATE-WIDE 911 SYSTEM STUDY

AN ACT Relating to state-wide 911; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that a state-wide emergency communications network of enhanced 911 service, allowing an immediate visual display of a caller's location, would serve to further the

safety, health, and welfare of the state's citizens, and would save lives. The legislature further finds that additional information on the development of an efficient and workable state-wide enhanced 911 service is needed before a state-wide program is mandated.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. The utilities and transportation commission shall study, by December 15, 1990, the feasibility of developing a state-wide system of enhanced 911 emergency service allowing an immediate visual display of the location of the caller. In conducting the study, the commission shall consider the ideal number of locations within the state for the purpose of routing emergency calls, the most efficient way to transfer emergency information to emergency response entities, cost estimates for the continuation of enhanced 911 in counties where the system is operable, cost estimates for the development of enhanced 911 in counties where a system has yet to be established, recommendations for the structure of a state-administered program of enhanced 911, alternatives to an enhanced 911 system in areas where cost or other factors preclude enhanced 911, specific recommendations for legislative action for developing a system of enhanced 911 throughout the state, and any other topics deemed appropriate by the commission. In conducting the study, the commission shall consult with, and to the extent possible, work with any other studies of the emergency communications network in the state. The commission shall report to the energy and utilities committees of the senate and the house of representatives by January 18, 1991, on the results of this study.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. In conducting the study under section 2 of this act the commission shall appoint an advisory committee to provide advice and information related to enhanced 911 service throughout the state. Members of the advisory committee shall represent diverse geographical areas of the state, and to the extent possible, shall include, but not be limited to representatives from the national emergency number association, the associated public communications officers northwest chapter, the Washington state fire chiefs association, the state fire policy board, the Washington fire commissioners association, the Washington state patrol, the association of Washington cities, the Washington state association of counties, and representatives of local exchange telephone companies.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1991, from the public service revolving fund to the utilities and transportation commission for the purposes of this act.

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