

CHAPTER 100.

[S. B. 105.]

TITLE OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CHANGED
TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

AN ACT relating to changing the official title "Prosecuting Attorney," and/or "County Attorney" to "District Attorney"; providing for investigators; defining the powers, duties and responsibilities of such investigators, and declaring an emergency.

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

Title of prosecuting attorney changed to district attorney.

SECTION 1. The official title of the office of Prosecuting Attorney, and/or County Attorney, shall hereafter be known and designated as District Attorney, and the office of Prosecuting Attorney and/or County Attorney shall hereafter be known and designated as the office of District Attorney.

Exercise of powers and duties.

SEC. 2. The District Attorneys of all counties shall have and exercise all such powers, duties and privileges within their respective counties as are by law now and hereafter conferred upon them as Prosecuting Attorneys and/or County Attorneys.

SEC. 3. Wherever the words "Prosecuting Attorney" and/or "County Attorney" are or have been used in the laws of the State of Washington, the same shall be construed to mean District Attorney.

Appointment of investigators.

SEC. 4. Each District Attorney shall appoint as many investigators as shall be necessary to properly administer the affairs of the office of District Attorney, and to enforce the law, and shall have the sole power of discharge of such investigators: *Provided, however,* That the number of such salaried investigators shall not, at any time, exceed three (3) in class A counties, two (2) in first and second class counties, and one (1) in all other counties. Any and all investigators appointed by a District Attorney

shall have the same authority as the sheriff of the county to make arrests anywhere in the county and to serve anywhere in the county, warrants, writs, subpoenas in criminal cases, and all other processes in criminal cases issued by any superior court or justice court in the state, but such investigators shall not be under the authority and direction of the sheriff, and shall only be under the authority and direction of the said District Attorney. Such investigators shall not be allowed to draw any fees of any character for serving legal process of any nature.

SEC. 5. All District Attorneys shall be responsible for the official acts of their investigators, and they shall have the power to require from such investigators bond and security, and they shall have the same remedies against their investigators and the sureties of such investigators as any person can have against the District Attorney and his sureties.

Responsibility for acts of investigators.

SEC. 6. If any section or part of a section of this act be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Conflicting laws.

SEC. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety; support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Effective immediately.

Passed the Senate February 20, 1937.

Passed the House March 7, 1937.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1937.