

are paid regularly by the city and devote their whole time to police duty: *Provided*, "Full paid police department" whenever used in this act shall also mean "full paid policemen."

SEC. 25. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this act, shall for any reason be held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

Partial
invalidity.

SEC. 26. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed in so far as they conflict with the provisions of this act.

Conflicting
acts.

Passed the Senate January 29, 1937.

Passed the House February 10, 1937.

Approved by the Governor February 19, 1937.

CHAPTER 14.

[S. B. 87.]

DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS.

AN ACT relating to declaratory judgments, amending section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1935, adding a new section and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1935, be amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 1, ch. 113,
Laws of 1935.

Section 1. Courts of record within their respective jurisdictions shall have power to declare rights, status and other legal relations whether or not further relief is or could be claimed. An action or proceeding shall not be open to objection on the ground that a declaratory judgment or decree is prayed for. The declaration may be either affirma-

tive or negative in form and effect; and such declarations shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree.

Adds § 17
to ch. 113,
Laws of 1935.

SEC. 2. A new section known as section 17 is hereby added to chapter 113, Laws of 1935, which shall read as follows:

Actions
pending.

Section 17. This act shall apply to all actions and proceedings now pending in the courts of record of the State of Washington seeking relief under the terms of the uniform declaratory judgments act; and all judgments heretofore rendered; and all such actions and proceedings heretofore instituted and now pending in said courts of record of the State of Washington, seeking such relief, are hereby validated, and the respective courts of record in said actions shall have jurisdiction and power to proceed in said actions and to declare the rights, status and other legal relations sought to have been declared in said pending actions and proceedings in accordance with the provisions of said act.

Effective
immediately.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 28, 1937.

Passed the House February 10, 1937.

Approved by the Governor February 19, 1937.