

CHAPTER 82.

[S. B. 28.]

JUDICIAL NOTICE OF FOREIGN LAWS.

AN ACT relating to judicial notice of foreign laws.

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

Judicial
notice of
foreign
laws.

SECTION 1. Every Court of this state shall take judicial notice of the Constitution, common law, civil law, and statutes of every state, territory and other jurisdiction of the United States.

Court may
inform
itself.

SEC. 2. The Court may inform itself of such laws in such manner as it may deem proper, and the Court may call upon counsel to aid it in obtaining such information.

Court to
determine
law.

SEC. 3. The determination of such laws shall be made by the Court and not by the jury and shall be reviewable.

Construc-
tion.

SEC. 4. This act shall not be construed to relieve any party of the duty of hereafter pleading such laws where required under the law and practice of this state immediately prior to the enactment hereof.

Other laws
not subject
to act.

SEC. 5. The law of any jurisdiction other than a state, territory or other jurisdiction of the United States shall be an issue for the Court, but shall not be subject to the foregoing provisions concerning judicial notice.

Interpreta-
tion.

SEC. 6. This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

Citation.

SEC. 7. The act may be cited as the "Uniform Judicial Notice of Foreign Laws Act."

Passed the Senate February 7, 1941.

Passed the House March 11, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1941.