

cents for each elector registered. This fee shall be paid by warrant drawn on the County Treasurer by order of the Board of County Commissioners: *Provided*, That no employee of the county receiving a salary shall be entitled to such fees. The compensation of registrars of cities and towns shall be provided by the governing body of such cities or towns, respectively.

Passed the House February 1, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

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CHAPTER 75.

[ H. B. 120. ]

TRANSFERS OF FRANCHISES.

AN ACT relating to the regulation of transfers of franchises, properties and facilities of public service companies, exempting from such regulation transfers to public utility districts and amending section 2, chapter 159, Laws of 1941 (sec. 10440-b, Rem. Supp. 1941, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 825-3).

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

Amend-  
ments.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 159, Laws of 1941 (section 10440-b, Rem. Supp. 1941, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 825-3), is amended to read as follows:

Transfers  
of public  
utility  
franchises.

Section 2. No public service company shall sell, lease, assign or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of its franchises, properties or facilities whatsoever, which are necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, and no public service company shall, by any means whatsoever, directly or indirectly, merge or consolidate any of its franchises, properties or facilities with any other public service company, without having secured from the Department of Public Service an order authorizing it

so to do: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to any sale, lease, assignment or other disposal of such franchises, properties or facilities to a public utility district.

Passed the House February 8, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 76.

[ H. B. 227. ]

### COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY DIVISION.

AN ACT relating to the safety of operation of vehicles upon the public highways and prescribing the duties of certain state officers.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be created in the "Washington State Patrol" a division to be known as the "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Division," which division shall be under the control of the "Chief of the Washington State Patrol" who, in addition to such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the safety of operation of all motor vehicles and the drivers of all such vehicles engaged in the transportation of persons or property in any commercial enterprise upon the public highways of this state. The "Chief of the Washington State Patrol" shall appoint the necessary qualified personnel to carry out the provisions of this act.

Creation of  
Motor Safety  
Division.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Division" to cooperate with and aid similar agencies and officers of the various states and the Federal Government, and particularly the Interstate Commerce Commission, appointed to

Duties.