

SEC. 8. If any section or provision of this act shall 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.

Saving  
clause.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.

Passed the House March 9, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1947, with the exception of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, which are vetoed.

## CHAPTER 282.

[ H. B. 405. ]

### CODE COMMITTEE—REVISION OF STATUTES.

AN ACT relating to the compilation, revision, and codification of the statutory laws of the state; amending section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 1, chapter 233, Laws of 1945 (sec. 152-40, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 430-9, PPC) and adding a new section to said chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as amended, and to be designated section 5-a.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 1, chapter 233, Laws of 1945 (sec. 152-40, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 430-9, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. The Committee shall be a continuing Code Committee with full power of codification of the laws above referred to, and shall have the power and duty to assign code numbers to such general laws as shall hereafter be passed at any legislative session; and the said Committee shall certify to the Secretary of State the numbers given to the sections which the Committee has determined shall be incorporated in such code.

Continuing  
committee.

Powers and  
duties.

Certification  
to Secretary  
of State.

SEC. 2. Chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as last amended by chapter 233, Laws of 1945, is amended

by adding thereto after section 5 a new section, to be designated as section 5-a, reading as follows:

Continued  
revision.

Section 5-a. The Code Committee shall continue its work of revision of the laws of the state of a general and permanent nature. The power of revision shall mean the power to restate the statutory law by eliminating superfluous verbiage, simplifying sentence structure, and making such changes in wording as may be necessary to bring the laws up to date, without, however, making any substantive change. During the progress of the work, and as rapidly as the several subdivisions or titles thereof are complete, the Committee shall cause them to be published in temporary form and distributed to such persons, officials, departments, agencies, associations, and institutions as in the opinion of the Committee may be interested, for comment and criticism. The Committee may charge for such temporary publications such sum as it deems reasonable, not exceeding the cost thereof, and all sums so received shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund. Upon completion of the work, the Committee shall submit the same to the legislature for adoption as the "Revised Code of Washington." In addition, the Committee shall separately propose and submit to the legislature such substantive changes in the laws as it may deem desirable.

No substan-  
tive changes.

Temporary  
publications.

Charges.

Submission  
to legisla-  
ture.

Recommen-  
dations.

Passed the House March 1, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1947.