

Cooperation with neighboring states.

Section 25. The Commission is authorized to cooperate with appropriate agencies of neighboring states, to enter into contracts, and make contributions toward interstate projects to carry out the purposes of this act.

Passed the Senate February 21, 1949.

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CHAPTER 59.

[S. B. 122.]

PROBATION.

AN ACT relating to crimes; the granting and regulating of probation; amending chapter 114, Laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 125, Laws of 1939 (sec. 10249-5a, Rem. Rev. Stat., Supp. 1939).

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 114, Laws of 1935, as amended by chapter 125, Laws of 1939 (sec. 10249-5a, Rem. Rev. Stat., Supp. 1939), is amended to read as follows:

Court may grant or deny probation.

Section 5-a. After conviction by plea or verdict of guilty of any crime, the court upon application or its own motion, may summarily grant or deny probation, or at a subsequent time fixed may hear and determine, in the presence of the defendant, the matter of probation of the defendant, and the conditions of such probation, if granted: *Provided, however,* Probation shall not be granted to any person who is not eligible under the law to receive a suspended sentence. The Court may, in its discretion, prior to the hearing on the granting of probation refer the matter to the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles or such officers as the Board may designate for investigation and report to the Court at a speci-

Investigation.

fied time, upon the circumstances surrounding the crime and concerning the defendant, his prior record, and his family surroundings and environment. In case there are no regularly employed parole officers working under the supervision of the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles in the county or counties wherein the defendant is convicted by plea or verdict of guilty, the Court may, in its discretion, refer the matter to the Prosecuting Attorney or Sheriff of the county for investigation and report.

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CHAPTER 60.

[S. B. 123.]

DISBURSEMENTS OF STATE FUNDS TO CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns, and to state funds and monies payable and allocated thereto; and prescribing the basis for such payment and allocation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever cities and towns of the state are, under law, allocated and entitled to be paid any state funds or state monies from any source, and the allocation and payment is required to be made on a population basis, the allocation shall be made on the basis of the population of the respective cities and towns as fixed and determined by the State Census Board pursuant to chapter 51, Laws of 1947, for April 1, 1948, and such allocation shall continue to be made on such basis until the figures of the 1950 Federal census for cities and towns are published. Thereafter all such alloca-

State funds allotted to cities and towns on population basis.

Method of determining population.