

SEC. 16. Venue in criminal actions in all justice of the peace districts shall be in the justice of the peace district court where the criminal violation occurred, or upon request of the defendant, before any justice of the peace in the county seat.

Venue in
criminal
actions.

SEC. 17. Sections 3.12.020, 3.12.030, 3.12.040, 3.12.050, 3.12.060 and 3.12.070, R.C.W., as derived from sections 1 and 2, chapter LXVI (66), Laws of 1897, portions of chapter LXXXV (85), Laws of 1899, sections 1, 2 and 3, chapter 105, Laws of 1905, sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, chapter 41, Laws of 1913, and sections 1 and 2, chapter 110, Laws of 1913, are repealed. Section 3.04.020, R.C.W., as derived from section 1690, Code of 1881, is repealed.

Repealing
clause.

[R.C.W. 3.04.020 is R.R.S. § 7545, R.C.W. 3.12.020 is R.R.S. § 7563, R.C.W. 3.12.030 is R.R.S. § 7564 (part), R.C.W. 3.12.050 is R.R.S. § 7565, R.C.W. 3.12.060 is R.R.S. § 7566, R.C.W. 3.12.070 is R.R.S. § 7564 (part).]

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CHAPTER 157.

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STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE.

AN ACT providing for a permanent statute law committee and stating their powers and duties; amending sections 1.08.040, 1.08.050, and 44.20.050, R.C.W., making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is created a permanent statute law committee consisting of seven members as follows: A justice of the supreme court, *ex officio*, designated by the chief justice; a member of the legislative council, *ex officio*, designated by the legislative council; the librarian of the state law library, *ex*

Permanent
statute law
committee.

Membership.

officio; the chairman of the senate judiciary committee; the chairman of the house of representatives judiciary committee; a lawyer admitted to practice in this state, designated by the Washington State Bar Association or its board of governors; a member at large appointed by the governor. All such designations or appointments to the original committee shall be made as above provided prior to April 1, 1951.

Term of office.

SEC. 2. The terms of all members of the committee, other than *ex officio* members, shall be for four years each, dating from April 1st, except that of the first committee the term of the member designated by the governor shall be for two years. The term of each *ex officio* or legislative member shall expire upon expiration of his current term in the office by virtue of which he is a member of the committee.

Vacancies.

Vacancies shall be filled by designation, appointment, or *ex officio* in the same manner as for the member so vacating, and if a vacancy as to the designee of the bar association or the appointee of the governor results other than from expiration of a term, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Compensation.

SEC. 3. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred therefor or *per diem* rates as provided by law, but in no event shall actual expenses claimed exceed *per diem* rates provided by law.

Expenses.

First meeting.

SEC. 4. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the state law librarian to meet as soon as feasible after April 1, 1951. The committee shall from time to time elect a chairman from among its members, and hold such periodic or special meetings as it deems necessary. A majority of the entire membership, *ex officio* members excepted, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Chairman.

Quorum.

SEC. 5. The committee shall, as soon as practicable after April 1, 1951, employ on behalf of the state, and from time to time fix the compensation of a competent code reviser, with power to terminate any such employment at any time, subject to contract rights. The committee shall also employ on behalf of the state and fix the compensation of such additional legal and clerical assistance to the code reviser as may reasonably be required under this act. The committee shall have general supervision and control over the functions and performance of the reviser.

Committee to employ a code reviser.

Assistance.

Supervision over reviser.

SEC. 6. Code reviser shall mean any lawyer or law publisher employing competent lawyers, each deemed by the committee to be qualified to compile the statutory law of the state of Washington as enacted by the legislature into a code or compilation of laws by title, chapter and section, without substantive change or alteration of purpose or intent.

"Code reviser."

SEC. 7. Subject to such general policies as may be promulgated by the committee and to the general supervision of the committee, the reviser shall:

Duties of reviser.

(1) Codify for consolidation into the Revised Code of Washington all laws of a general and permanent nature heretofore or hereafter enacted by the legislature, and assign permanent numbers as provided by law to all new chapters and sections so added to the revised code.

Codify into R.C.W. all permanent laws.

(2) Edit and revise such laws for such consolidation, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by the reviser and without changing the meaning of any such law, in the following respects only:

Edit and revise laws as follows:

(a) Make capitalization uniform with that followed generally in the revised code.

Uniform capitalization.

(b) Make chapter or section division and subdivision designations uniform with that followed in the revised code.

Uniform division.

Make substitutions.

(c) Substitute for the term "this act," where necessary, the term "section," "part," "code," "chapter," or "title," or reference to specific section or chapter numbers, as the case may require.

(d) Substitute for reference to a section of an "act," the proper code section number reference.

(e) Substitute for "as provided in the preceding section" and other phrases of similar import, the proper code section number references.

(f) Substitute the proper calendar date for "effective date of this act," "date of passage of this act," and other phrases of similar import.

(g) Strike out figures where merely a repetition of written words, and substitute, where deemed advisable for uniformity, written words for figures.

Rearrange misplaced material.

(h) Rearrange any misplaced statutory material, incorporate any omitted statutory material as well as correct manifest errors in spelling, and manifest clerical or typographical errors, additions, or omissions.

Correct manifest errors.

(i) Correct manifest errors in references, by chapter or section number, to other laws.

(j) Correct manifest errors or omissions in numbering or renumbering sections of the revised code.

Division of long sections, rearrangement of order.

(k) Divide long sections into two or more sections, and rearrange the order of sections to conform to such logical arrangement of subject-matter as may most generally be followed in the revised code.

Captions.

(l) Change the wording of section captions, if any, and provide captions to new chapters and sections.

Obsolete provisions.

(m) Strike provisions manifestly obsolete.

Titles and certain clauses to be omitted.

SEC. 8. The reviser shall omit from the code all titles to acts, all enacting and repealing clauses, all preambles, declarations of emergency, and all validity and construction sections unless, in a particular instance, it may be necessary to retain such a section to preserve the full intent of the law. The omission

of validity and construction sections is not intended to change the effect to be given thereto in construing legislation of which such validity and construction sections were a part. Any section so omitted, other than repealing, emergency, or validity provisions, shall be referred to or set forth as an annotation to the first section of the act.

Effect of omission.

SEC. 9. The reviser shall prepare and maintain full historical records showing the enactment, amendment, revision, supersession, and repeal of the various sections of the revised code.

Legislative history.

SEC. 10. The reviser may prepare and maintain complete annotations of court decisions construing the statutes of this state.

Case annotations.

SEC. 11. The reviser shall from time to time make written recommendations to the code committee concerning deficiencies, conflicts, obsolete provisions, and need for reorganization of matters found by him in the statutes, and, as approved by the committee, shall prepare for submission to the legislature, legislation for the correction or removal of such deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions.

Recommendations to committee.

Preparation of proposed legislation.

SEC. 12. The reviser shall advise and assist the members of the legislature and the various agencies and departments of the state government in the preparation and revision of legislation.

Reviser to assist legislators and state departments.

SEC. 13. The reviser shall, to the extent reasonably feasible through available facilities and public sources of information, provide objective and factual information in writing to and upon request of any member of the legislature relative to any matter which is or may be the subject of or involved in, legislation.

Supply information to legislators.

SEC. 14. The committee shall formulate specifications relative to the format, size and style of type, paper stock, division into volumes, method and quality of binding, contents, indexing, and general scope

Specifications for publication of R.C.W.

Publication not complying with specifications shall not be received as evidence.

and character of footnotes and annotations, for any publication for general use of the revised code and supplements thereto. No such publication or the contents thereof, other than such temporary edition as may expressly be authorized by the legislature, shall be received as evidence of the laws of this state unless its complies with such specifications of the committee as are current at the time of publication. If a publication complies with such specifications, the committee shall furnish a certificate of such compliance, executed on behalf of the committee by its chairman, to the publisher, and the certificate shall be reproduced at the beginning of each such volume or supplement.

Certificate that publication complies with specifications.

Specifications furnished to publishers.

Upon request of any publisher in good faith interested in publishing said code, the committee shall furnish a copy of its current specifications, and shall not during the process of any *bona fide* publication of said code or supplements modify any such specification, if such modification would result in added expense or material inconvenience to the publisher, without written concurrence therein by such publisher.

Office space for reviser.

SEC. 15. The department of public institutions shall provide suitable office and storage space and facilities for the reviser and his staff in the Temple of Justice, Olympia, at a location convenient to the state law library.

Amendment.

SEC. 16. Section 1.08.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, is amended to read as follows:

Secretary of state's certificate.

Hereafter the secretary of state shall certify only the codes or compilations published with the section numbering adopted by the reviser under supervision of the statute law committee. The code or codes, when so certified by the secretary of state, and containing the certificate of the committee referred to in section 13 of this act, if required, shall be deemed

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official, and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the laws contained therein. Prima facie evidence.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1941, § 152-38.]

SEC. 17. Section 1.08.050, R.C.W., as derived from section 4, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, and from section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 1, chapter 282, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

The legislature shall amend or repeal laws by reference to code numbers. The reviser shall assign code numbers to such permanent and general laws as are hereafter enacted at any legislative session and certify them to the secretary of state. Amendments and repeals by reference to code numbers.

[R.C.W. 1.08.050 was derived from Rem. Supp. 1941, § 152-39 (1st sentence) and Rem. Supp. 1947, § 152-40 (part; from comma to end). First part of Rem. Supp. 1947, § 152-40 is incorporated in R.C.W. 1.08.020, herein repealed by Sec. 19, *infra*, this chapter.]

SEC. 18. Section 44.20.050, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, page 60, Laws of 1915, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

When all of the acts of any session of the legislature and initiative measures enacted by the people since the next preceding session have been published in temporary form, the code reviser employed by the statute law committee shall make the proper headings, side annotations and index of such acts or laws and, after such work has been completed, the secretary of state shall have published and bound in good buckram at least twenty-five hundred copies of such acts and laws, with such headings, annotations and indexes, and such other matter as may be deemed essential, including a title page showing the session at which such acts were passed, the date of convening and adjournment of the session, and any other matter deemed proper, including a certificate of such referendum measures as may have been enacted by the people since the next preceding session. Session Laws and initiatives.

Code reviser to annotate and index.

Publication.

[R.C.W. 44.20.050 was derived from R.R.S. § 8200 except part relating to costs which appears in chapter 40.01 R.C.W.]

Repealing clause.

SEC. 19. The following sections are hereby repealed: Section 1.08.010, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 149, Laws of 1941; section 1.08.020, R.C.W., as derived from section 2, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, and from section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 1, chapter 282, Laws of 1947; section 1.08.030, R.C.W., as derived from section 5a, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as added by section 2, chapter 282, Laws of 1947; section 1.08.060, R.C.W., as derived from section 6, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, as added by section 2, chapter 252, Laws of 1943.

[R.C.W. 1.08.010 is Rem. Supp. 1941, § 152-36.]

[R.C.W. 1.08.020 is Rem. Supp. 1941, § 152-37 (second comma to end) and Rem. Supp. 1947, § 152-40 (to first comma).]

[R.C.W. 1.08.030 is Rem. Supp. 1947, § 152-40a.]

[R.C.W. 1.08.060 is Rem. Supp. 1943, § 152-41.]

Appropriation.

SEC. 20. To carry out the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of forty thousand dollars.

Emergency.

SEC. 21. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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