

CHAPTER 5.

[ H. B. 23. ]

REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON.

AN ACT relating to the revision and codification of all Wash-  
ington laws of a general and permanent nature; amending  
section 1 of chapter 16, Laws of Ex. Sess. of 1950, and  
declaring an emergency.

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

1950  
supplement  
to R.C.W.  
enacted and  
consolidated  
with R.C.W.

SECTION 1. The titles, chapters, and sections  
designated as the "1950 Supplement to the Revised  
Code of Washington" attested by the secretary of  
the senate and the chief clerk of the house of repre-  
sentatives of the legislature of the state of Wash-  
ington, and filed with the secretary of state, are  
hereby enacted and consolidated into and with the  
Revised Code of Washington. Said 1950 supplement  
is intended to embrace (1) in a revised and codified  
form, all those laws of the state of Washington of a  
general and permanent nature enacted since Janu-  
ary 1, 1949, (2) revision and recodification of cer-  
tain of the titles, chapters, and sections of the re-  
vised code, and (3) application of a new system of  
numbering to all of the sections and certain of the  
chapters of the revised code, subject to section three  
hereof.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 16, Laws of the Ex-  
traordinary Session of 1950, is amended to read as  
follows:

R.C.W.  
enacted.

The ninety-one titles with chapters and sections  
designated as the "Revised Code of Washington"  
and attested by the secretary of the senate and the  
chief clerk of the house of representatives of the  
legislature of the state of Washington, are hereby  
enacted and designated as the "Revised Code of  
Washington." Said code is intended to embrace in  
a revised, consolidated, and codified form and ar-  
rangement all the laws of the state of a general and  
permanent nature.

SEC. 3. The system of numbering employed in the 1950 supplement is hereby adopted as the general system to be followed in designating sections of the revised code. Specific numbers, in accordance with such system, are authorized to be assigned to sections of the revised code as follows:

Supplement  
numbering  
system  
adopted.

Those chapters and sections of the revised code expressly numbered or renumbered in the 1950 supplement are authorized to be numbered or renumbered to the new number respectively shown in the 1950 supplement. All other sections of the revised code now existing are authorized to be renumbered by tens according to the plan generally used in the 1950 supplement, using the number of the title, the new number, if any, of the chapter in which the section occurs, and adding the digit "0" to the terminal end of the number marking the position of the section within the chapter. The secretary of state shall, before publication of any laws enacted at this session of the legislature which are by their terms expressly amendatory of any section or sections contained in the revised code or the 1950 supplement, renumber each such section and correlate the numbers of sections so renumbered, in accordance with this provision, so that each such section when published bears or is referred to by its proper new number. The secretary of state, in publishing the session laws of this thirty-second session of the legislature shall use therein the applicable new numbers of the respective sections so renumbered.

Publication  
of session  
laws.

Sections re-  
numbered.

SEC. 4. New chapters or sections added to the Revised Code of Washington (as supplemented or modified by the 1950 supplement), as the result of laws enacted at this or subsequent sessions of the legislature, shall be numbered in harmony with said general numbering system, and shall bear such respective numbers in accordance therewith as may

Numbering  
of new  
chapters or  
sections.

be assigned by such official or agency as may be expressly authorized by law so to do.

Corrections.

This section shall not prohibit or prevent the correction by any such official or agency, of the number of any section of the revised code found clearly to be incorrectly numbered or incorrectly correlated with other sections as to number.

Numbering.

SEC. 5. It is the intent that under said numbering system the section factor of the section number shall be treated as a decimal figure, and where new sections must hereafter in codifying be inserted between sections then already consecutively numbered, the proper number for such new section shall be created by the insertion of an additional digit at the terminal end of the number of the section immediately preceding the location at which such new section is to be inserted.

New sections to be inserted.

General and permanent nature.

SEC. 6. The contents of the Revised Code of Washington, after striking therefrom sections repealed or superseded by laws of the state of Washington enacted since January 1, 1949, as the revised code is supplemented or modified in the 1950 supplement, shall establish the laws of this state of a general and permanent nature in effect on January 1, 1951; except, that nothing herein shall be construed as changing the meaning of any such laws and, as a rule of construction, in case of any omissions or any inconsistency between any of the provisions of the revised code as so supplemented or modified and the laws existing immediately preceding this enactment, the previously existing laws shall control. Any section of the Revised Code of Washington (as supplemented or modified by the 1950 supplement) expressly amended by the legislature, including the entire context set out, shall, as so amended, constitute the law and the ultimate declaration of legislative intent.

Rule of construction, inconsistency.

Express amendment, effect of.

Emergency.

SEC. 7. 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, except that section three of this act shall not become effective prior to adjournment of this thirty-second regular session of the legislature.

Passed the House January 11, 1951.

Passed the Senate January 16, 1951.

Approved by the Governor January 22, 1951.