

CHAPTER 121.

[ Sub. S. B. 209. ]

COURT REPORTERS—COMPENSATION.

AN ACT relating to court reporters; and amending section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1951, as last amended by section 2, chapter 244, Laws of 1957 and RCW 2.32.210.

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

RCW 2.32.210 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 2, chapter 244, Laws of 1957, and section 2.32.210 RCW are each amended to read as follows:

Salaries—  
Expenses in  
joint districts.

Each official reporter shall be paid compensation as follows:

(1) In judicial districts comprised of class AA counties, such salary as shall be fixed by the judges of said counties and approved by the board of county commissioners of said class AA counties;

(2) In all judicial districts having a total population of one hundred thousand or over, excluding class AA counties, six thousand six hundred dollars per annum; in the judicial district containing the state capitol, six thousand six hundred dollars per annum regardless of population;

(3) In judicial districts having a total population of forty thousand or more and less than one hundred thousand, six thousand dollars per annum.

In judicial districts having a total population of twenty-five thousand and under forty thousand, five thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

Said compensation shall be paid out of the current expense fund of the county where court is held.

In judicial districts comprising more than one county the judge or judges thereof shall, on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, apportion the amount of the salary to be paid to the reporter by each county according and in proportion to the number of criminal

and civil actions entered and commenced in superior court of the constituent counties in the preceding year. In addition to the salary above provided, in judicial districts comprising more than one county, the reporter shall receive his actual and necessary expenses of transportation and living expenses when he goes on official business to a county of his judicial district other than the county in which he resides, from the time he leaves his place of residence until he returns thereto, said expense to be paid by the county to which he travels. If one trip includes two or more counties, the expense may be apportioned between the counties visited in proportion to the amount of time spent in each county on the trip. If an official reporter uses his own automobile for the purpose of such transportation, he shall be paid therefor at the same rate per mile as county officials are paid for use of their private automobiles. The sworn statement of the official reporter, when certified to as correct by the judge presiding, shall be a sufficient voucher upon which the county auditor shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer of the county in favor of the official reporter.

The salaries of official court reporters shall be paid upon sworn statements, when certified as correct by the judge presiding, as state and county officers are paid.

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