

of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 160.

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TELETYPEWRITER COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK—
COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

AN ACT relating to state government; establishing a state teletypewriter communications network; authorizing department and agencies of state government and the political subdivisions thereof to participate therein; and creating a state communications advisory board.

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

Teletypewriter
communications
network.
Authorized—
General
provisions.

SECTION 1. The director of budget is hereby authorized to establish a teletypewriter communications network which will inter-connect the law enforcement agencies of the state and its political subdivisions into a unified written communications system. The director of budget is authorized to lease or purchase such facilities and equipment as may be necessary to establish and maintain such teletypewriter communications network.

(1) The communications network shall be used exclusively for the official business of the state, and the official business of any city, county, city and county, or other public agency.

(2) This section does not prohibit the occasional use of the state's communications network by any other state or public agency thereof when the messages transmitted relate to the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state.

(3) The director of budget shall fix the monthly

operational charge to be paid by any department or agency of state government, or any city, county, city and county, or other public agency participating in the communications network: *Provided*, That in computing charges to be made against a city, county, or city and county the state shall bear at least fifty percent of the costs of such service as its share in providing a modern unified communications network to the law enforcement agencies of the state.

(4) The director of budget is authorized to arrange for the connection of the communications network with the law enforcement communications system of any adjacent state, or the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created the state communications advisory committee which shall advise the director of budget on matters relating to the operation of the teletypewriter communications system established hereunder.

Communica-
tions advisory
committee.
Created—
Membership—
Duties—Terms.

(1) The committee shall serve without pay and shall meet at such times as the chairman or director of budget so determine. Attendance at meetings of the committee shall be deemed performance by a member of the duties of his state or political subdivision's employment.

(2) The committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor and shall include:

- (a) An incumbent county sheriff;
- (b) An incumbent chief of police;
- (c) An incumbent county commissioner;
- (d) An incumbent city chief executive officer;
- (e) A member of the Washington state patrol;
- (f) The director of state institutions or his duly authorized representative;
- (g) The state director of civil defense.

(3) The term of each member of the committee shall be two years, except that the term of three of the original members, to be determined by the gov-

error, shall expire on July 1, 1964. The governor shall designate one of the members to serve as chairman.

(4) The committee shall advise the director of budget on the initial formation and installation of a teletypewriter communications network and approve the initial or subsequent connection of any city, county, city and county or local subdivision to the network.

(5) The committee shall adopt such rules, regulations, procedures, and methods of operation as it deems necessary to effectuate the most efficient and economical use of the communications network.

Teletype-writer communications network. Public agencies may participate in.

SEC. 3. Any city, county, city and county, or other public agency may connect with and participate in the teletypewriter communications network subject to the rules, regulations, procedures and methods of operation adopted by the state communications advisory committee: *Provided*, That such city, county, city and county, or other public agency shall first agree to pay such installation charges as may be necessary for such connection and such monthly operational charges as may be established by the director of budget.

Proviso.

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