

Proviso.

nated: *Provided further*, That this section shall expire June 30, 1965.

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CHAPTER 188.

[S. B. 65.]

COURT COMMISSIONERS—POWERS, FEES.

AN ACT relating to court commissioners; and amending section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 and RCW 2.24.040.

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

RCW 2.24.040 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 and RCW 2.24.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Court commissioners—Powers—Fees.

Such court commissioner shall have power, authority and jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior court and the judge thereof, in the following particulars:

(1) To hear and determine all matters in probate, to make and issue all proper orders therein, and to issue citations in all cases where same are authorized by the probate statutes of this state.

(2) To grant and enter defaults and enter judgment thereon.

(3) To issue temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions, and to fix and approve bonds thereon.

(4) To act as referee in all matters and actions referred to him by the superior court as such, with all the powers now conferred upon referees by law.

(5) To hear and determine all proceedings supplemental to execution, with all the powers conferred upon the judge of the superior court in such matters.

(6) To hear and determine all petitions for the adoption of children, for the dissolution of incorporations, and to change the name of any person.

(7) To hear and determine all applications for the commitment of any person to the hospital for the insane, with all the powers of the superior court in such matters: *Provided*, That in cases where a jury is demanded, same shall be referred to the superior court for trial. Proviso.

(8) To hear and determine all complaints for the commitments of minors with all powers conferred upon the superior court in such matters.

(9) To grant adjournments, administer oaths, preserve order, compel attendance of witnesses, and to punish for contempts in the refusal to obey or the neglect of his lawful orders made in any matter before him as fully as the judge of the superior court.

(10) To take acknowledgments and proofs of deeds, mortgages and all other instruments requiring acknowledgment under the laws of this state, and to take affidavits and depositions in all cases.

(11) To provide an official seal, upon which shall be engraved the words "Court Commissioner," and the name of the county for which he may be appointed, and to authenticate his official acts therewith in all cases where same is necessary.

(12) To charge and collect, for his own use, the same fees for the official performance of official acts mentioned in subdivisions (4) and (10) herein as are provided by law for referees and notaries public.

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