

CHAPTER 83.

[House Bill No. 592.]

FAMILY COURTS.

AN ACT relating to family courts; amending section 5, chapter 50, Laws of 1949, and RCW 26.12.050.

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

RCW 26.12.050 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 50, Laws of 1949, and RCW 26.12.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Family courts. Appointment of assistants—Commissioners' approval, when.

In class "A" counties and counties of the first through ninth classes, the superior court may appoint the following persons to assist the family court in disposing of its business: *Provided*, That in counties of the third through ninth class, such positions may not be created without prior consent of the county commissioners:

- (1) One or more competent persons to act as family court commissioners, and
- (2) Such investigators, stenographers and clerks as the court shall find necessary to carry on the work of the family court.

The appointments provided for in this section shall be made by majority vote of the judges of the superior court of the county and may be made in addition to all other appointments of commissioners and other judicial attaches otherwise authorized by law. Family court commissioners and investigators shall serve at the pleasure of the judges appointing them and shall receive such compensation as the county commissioners shall determine.

Passed the House March 26, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 24, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 6, 1965.