

subdivision thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. When an impaired person is a party to any legal proceeding or a witness therein the judge, magistrate, or other presiding official shall, in the absence of a written waiver by the impaired person, appoint a qualified interpreter to assist the impaired person throughout the proceedings.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Interpreters appointed pursuant to this chapter shall be adequately compensated for their services and shall be reimbursed for actual expenses as hereinafter provided:

(1) In criminal proceedings, grand jury proceedings, coroner's inquests, mental health commitment proceedings, and other proceedings initiated by agencies of government, the cost of providing the interpreter shall be borne by the governmental body initiating the proceedings.

(2) In other legal proceedings the cost of providing the interpreter shall be borne by the impaired person unless the impaired person is indigent, pursuant to adopted standards of the body, and thus unable to pay for the interpreter, in which case the cost shall be borne as an administrative cost of the governmental body under the authority of which the proceeding is conducted.

(3) The cost of providing the interpreter may be a taxable cost of any proceeding in which costs are ordinarily taxed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Every qualified interpreter appointed pursuant to this chapter shall, before entering upon his duties as such, take an oath that he will make a true interpretation to the person being examined of all the proceedings in a language which said person understands, and that he will repeat the statements of said person to the court or other agency conducting the proceedings, in the English language, to the best of his skill and judgment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to Title 2 RCW a new chapter as set forth in sections 1 through 5 of this 1973 act.

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CHAPTER 23

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2358]

SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM--12 MONTH COMPUTATION BASIS

AN ACT Relating to the public employees' retirement system; and adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 41.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other law, or rule or regulation of the retirement board, contributions to the retirement system relating to any classified employee of a school district actually employed by the district on a continuous nine month basis shall be pro-rated on a twelve month basis and counted in the computation of any retirement allowance or other benefits provided for in this chapter as for twelve months of service.

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CHAPTER 24

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2362]

SEWER--WATER DISTRICT EMPLOYEES--LIFE INSURANCE

AN ACT Relating to special districts; amending section 1, chapter 261, Laws of 1961 and RCW 56.08.100; and amending section 2, chapter 261, Laws of 1961 and RCW 57.08.100.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 261, Laws of 1961 and RCW 56.08.100 are each amended to read as follows:

A sewer district, by a majority vote of its board of commissioners, may enter into contracts to provide health care services and/or group insurance(~~(7 other than)~~) and/or term life insurance, for the benefit of its employees and may pay all or any part of the cost thereof: PROVIDED, That term life insurance shall be limited to a five thousand dollar coverage or ten thousand dollars for double indemnity benefits. Any two or more sewer districts or one or more sewer districts and one or more water districts, by a majority vote of their respective boards of commissioners, may, if deemed expedient, join in the procuring of such health care services and/or group insurance(~~(7 other than)~~) and/or term life insurance, and the board of commissioners of each participating sewer and/or water district may by appropriate resolution authorize their respective district to pay all or any portion of the cost thereof.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 261, Laws of 1961 and RCW 57.08.100 are each amended to read as follows:

A water district, by a majority vote of its board of commissioners, may enter into contracts to provide health care services and/or group insurance(~~(7 other than)~~) and/or term life