

Section 1. Section 45, chapter 142, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 24, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 71.05.400 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A public or private agency shall release to a patient's next of kin, attorney, ((his)) guardian, or conservator, if any, ((or a member of the patient's family))

(a) The information that the person is presently a patient in the facility or that the person is seriously physically ill((, if the professional person in charge of the facility determines that the release of such information is in the best interest of the person));

(b) A statement evaluating the mental and physical condition of the patient, and a statement of the probable duration of the patient's confinement, if such information is requested by the next of kin, attorney, guardian, or conservator; and such other information requested by the next of kin or attorney as may be necessary to decide whether or not proceedings should be instituted to appoint a guardian or conservator.

(2) Upon the death of a patient, his next of kin, guardian, or conservator, if any, ((and a member of his family)) shall be notified.

Next of kin who are of legal age and competent shall be notified under this section in the following order: Spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, and other relatives according to the degree of relation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1974 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 116

[ House Bill No. 138 ]

DELINQUENT TAXES—INTEREST RATE

AN ACT Relating to county taxes; and amending section 84.56.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.56.020.

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

Section 1. Section 84.56.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.56.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The county treasurer shall be the receiver and collector of all taxes extended upon the tax rolls of the county, whether levied for state, county, school, bridge, road, municipal or other purposes, and also of all fines, forfeitures or penalties received by any person or officer for the use of his county. All taxes upon real and personal property made payable by the provisions of this title shall be due and payable to the treasurer as aforesaid on or before the thirtieth day of April in each year, after which date they shall become delinquent, and interest at the rate of ((five percent per annum on not more than five hundred dollars of delinquent taxes on real property for a single year in any county shall be charged and interest at the rate of ten)) eight percent per annum shall be charged upon ((the balance of)) such unpaid taxes and upon unpaid personal property taxes from the date of delinquency until paid: PROVIDED, That when the total amount of tax on any lot, block or tract of real property payable by one person is ten dollars or more, and if one-half of such tax be paid on or before the said thirtieth day of April, then the time for payment of the remainder thereof shall be extended and said remainder shall be due and payable on or before the thirty-first day of October following, after which date such remaining one-half shall become delinquent, and interest at the rate of ((five percent per annum on not more than five hundred dollars of delinquent taxes for a single year in any county shall be charged and interest at the rate of ten)) ten percent per annum shall be charged upon ((the balance of)) said remainder from the date of delinquency until paid: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That when the total amount of personal property taxes falling due in any year, payable by one person, is ten dollars or more, and if one-half of such taxes be paid on or before said thirtieth day of April then the time for payment of the remainder thereof shall be extended and said remainder shall be due and payable on or before the thirty-first day of October following, after which date such remaining one-half shall become delinquent, and interest at the rate of ((ten)) ten percent per annum shall be charged upon said remainder from the date of delinquency until paid. All collections of interest on delinquent taxes shall be credited to the county current expense fund; but the cost of foreclosure and sale of real property, and the fees and costs of distraint and sale of personal property, for delinquent taxes, shall, when collected, be credited to the operation and maintenance fund of the county treasurer prosecuting the foreclosure or distraint or sale; and shall be used by the county treasurer as a revolving fund

to defray the cost of further foreclosure, distraint and sale for delinquent taxes without regard to budget limitations.

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CHAPTER 117

[Substitute House Bill No. 748]

PROBATE

AN ACT Relating to probate; amending section 11.04.015, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1967 and RCW 11.04.015; amending section 11.12.120, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.12.120; amending section 11.20.020, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 126, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 11.20.020; amending section 11.28.010, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.28.010; amending section 11.28.070, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.28.070; section 11.28.110, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.28.110; amending section 11.28.237, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 70, Laws of 1969 and RCW 11.28.237; amending section 11.28.280, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.28.280; amending section 11.40.010, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 7, chapter 168, Laws of 1967 and RCW 11.40.010; amending section 11.40.020, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.40.020; amending section 11.40.030, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.40.030; amending section 11.40.040, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.40.040; amending section 11.40.060, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.40.060; amending section 11.40.100, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and 11.40.100; amending section 11.40.110, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.40.110; amending section 11.44.025, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.44.025; amending section 11.44.070, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 10, chapter 168, Laws of 1967 and RCW 11.44.070; amending section 11.52.010, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 12, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 11.52.010; amending section 11.52.012, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.52.012; amending section 11.52.020, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 3, chapter 12, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 11.52.020; amending section 11.52.022, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 4, chapter 12, Laws of 1971 ex.