A former employee of a fire department of a city of the first class who (1) was a member of the fireman's pension system created by chapters 41.16 or 41.18 RCW, and (2) is now employed within the police department of such city, will be regarded as having received membership service credit for such service to the fire department in the city's police and relief pension system at the time he recovers such service credit by paying withdrawn contributions to the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system pursuant to RCW 41.26.030 (14).

Passed the Senate January 29, 1974.
Passed the House February 5, 1974.
Approved by the Governor February 13, 1974, with the exception of an item in Section 1 which is vetoed.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State February 26, 1974.
Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:
"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one item Senate Bill No. 3184 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to public employment."

Veto Message

This bill permits former employees of a city of the first class of over two hundred thousand population who are now employed by the fire department of such city to transfer their pension credits from the city retirement system to the firemen's pension system.

A similar bill, Chapter 143, Laws of 1973, was enacted in the 1973 regular session of the Legislature allowing former city employees of first class cities who are now employed by the city police department to transfer their pension credits in like manner.

The 1973 act did not restrict its application to only a first class city of over two hundred thousand population, and there is no good reason why Senate Bill No. 3184 should be so restricted. Legislative consistency dictates that benefits conferred to a class of employees be made equally available to all those eligible within that class.

For the foregoing reasons, I have determined to veto the item in section 1 of the bill which restricts the application of the bill to solely a first class city of over two hundred thousand population, so that the bill will be applicable to all first class cities. The remainder of Senate Bill No. 3184 is approved.

CHAPTER 149

[Initiative Measure No. 282]
ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS—SALARIES

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

Section 1. Section 110, chapter 137, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. is amended to read as follows:
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO THE GOVERNOR:

To be allocated by the governor in order to implement salary increases to enable the payment of salaries to the below described elective executive, judicial, and legislative officials according to the schedule of annual salaries prescribed in this section commencing January 1, 1974: PROVIDED, That such increases legislators shall not take effect until permitted by the first date Constitution of this state..... \$ 1,359,059 Schedule of Annual Salaries Executive Officials Governor.....\$((47,300)) 34,300 Superintendent of Public Instruction..... \$((37,950)) 23,750 Commissioner of Public Lands...... \$((337800)) 21,100 Auditor.....\$ ((29,700)) 17,400 Insurance Commissioner..... \$ ((29,7700)) 17,400 Secretary of State......\$((267400)) 15,800 Treasurer..... \$ ((26,400)) 15,800 Judicial Officials Supreme Court......\$((387000)) 34,825 Court of Appeals..... \$((35,700)) 31,650 Full Time District Court Judges: PROVIDED, That no funds shall be allocated from this appropriation to implement these salary increases... \$((26,000)) 23,250 Legislative Officials Legislators..... \$((40,7560)) Section 43.03.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last

Sec. 2. Section 43.03.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 43.03.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The annual salaries of the following named state elected

The annual salaries of the following named state elected officials shall be: Governor, ((thirty-two thousand five hundred)) thirty-four thousand three hundred dollars; lieutenant governor, ((ten thousand)) ten thousand six hundred dollars; secretary of state, ((fifteen thousand)) fifteen thousand eight hundred dollars; state treasurer, ((fifteen thousand)) fifteen thousand eight hundred dollars; state auditor ((sixteen thousand five hundred)) seventeen thousand four hundred dollars; attorney general, ((twenty-three thousand)) twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars; superintendent of public instruction, ((twenty-two thousand five hundred)) twenty-three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars; commissioner of public lands, ((twenty thousand)) twenty-one thousand one hundred dollars;

state insurance commissioner, ((sixteen thousand five hundred))

<u>seventeen thousand four hundred</u> dollars; members of the legislature
shall receive for their service ((three thousand six hundred)) three
thousand eight hundred dollars per annum; and in addition, ten cents
per mile for travel to and from legislative sessions.

Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter 144, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 2, chapter 106, Laws of 1973 and RCW 2.04.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Each justice of the supreme court shall receive an annual salary of ((thirty-three thousand)) thirty-four thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars, but no salary warrant shall be issued to any judge of the supreme court until he shall have made and filed with the state treasurer an affidavit that no matter referred to him for opinion or decision has been uncompleted or undecided by him for more than six months.

Sec. 4. Section 6, chapter 221, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 106, Laws of 1973 and RCW 2.06.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Each judge of the court shall receive an annual salary of ((thirty thousand)) thirty-one thousand six hundred fifty dollars, but no salary warrant shall be issued to any judge until he shall have made and filed with the state treasurer an affidavit that no matter referred to him for opinion or decision has been uncompleted by him for more than three months.

Sec. 5. Section 2, chapter 144, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 3, chapter 100, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 2.08.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Each judge of the superior court shall receive an annual salary of ((twenty-seven thousand)) twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Sec. 6. Section 100, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 4, chapter 100, Laws of 1972 1st ex. sess. and RCW 3.58.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The annual salary of each full time justice of the peace shall be ((twenty-two)) twenty-three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars: PROVIDED, That in cities having a population in excess of five hundred thousand, the city which pays the salary may increase such salary of its municipal judges to an amount not more than the salary paid the superior court judges in the county in which the court is located: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no full time justice of the peace shall perform any civil marriage between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 12, 1973.

Passed by a vote of the people at the state general election held on November 6, 1973.

Proclamation declaring the measure effective law signed by the Governor on December 6, 1973.

CHAPTER 150

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3023]

APPROPRIATION OF WATER

FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS-

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to irrigation; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21C RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.21C RCW a new section to read as follows:

Decisions pertaining to applications for appropriation of fifty cubic feet of water per second or less for irrigation projects promulgated by any person, private firm, private corporation or private association without resort to subsidy by either state or federal government pursuant to RCW 90.03.250 through 90.03.340, as now or hereafter amended, to be used for agricultural irrigation shall not be subject to the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c), as now or hereafter amended.

Passed the Senate January 29, 1974.
Passed the House February 7, 1974.
Vetoed by the Governor February 15, 1974.
Veto overridden by Senate April 17, 1974.
Veto overridden by House April 19, 1974.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 22, 1974.
Note: Governor's explanation of veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3023 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to irrigation."

This bill exempts from the requirement of RCW 43.210.030 relating to the filing of environmental impact statements those decisions pertaining to certain applications for irrigation waters of fifty cubic feet per second or less, an amount which would be sufficient to irrigate up to 3,000 and 4,000 acres of farm land.

The bill represents the first time the Legislature has provided a direct exemption to the environmental impact statement requirement of the State Environmental Policy Act of 1971. I do not believe the exemption can be justified in light of the scope of the irrigation project involved.

I further do not believe that the problems caused by the State Environmental Policy Act should be remedied by the Legislature on a piecemeal basis.