

Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW or chapter 18.57 RCW, ~~(and)~~ dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, and pharmacists licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence against another member of their profession based on the claimed incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before a regularly constituted review committee or board of a medical ~~((or))~~, dental, or pharmaceutical society or hospital whose duty it is to evaluate the competency and qualifications of members of the profession, including limiting the extent of practice of such person in a hospital or similar institution, shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities. The written records of such committees or boards shall not be subject to subpoena or discovery proceedings in any civil action, except actions arising out of the recommendations of such committees.

Sec. 3. Section 2, chapter 144, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.260 are each amended to read as follows:

Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW and pharmacists licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence against another member of their profession based on the claimed incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before the medical disciplinary board established under chapter 18.72 RCW, in a proceeding under chapter 18.32 RCW or to the board of pharmacy under RCW 18.64.160 shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities.

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CHAPTER 115

[House Bill No. 42]

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT—"PUBLIC AGENCY" DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to the interlocal cooperation act; and amending section 3, chapter 239, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 1, chapter 34, Laws of 1973 and RCW 39.34.020.

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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 239, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 1, chapter 34, Laws of 1973 and RCW 39.34.020 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the term "public agency" shall mean any city, town, county, public utility district, irrigation district, port district, fire protection district, school district, air pollution control authority, rural county library districts, intercounty rural library districts, public hospital districts, regional planning agency created by any combination of county and city governments, health department or district, weed control district, county transit authority, Indian tribe recognized as such by the federal government, or metropolitan municipal corporation of this state; any agency of the state government or of the United States; and any political subdivision of another state.

The term "state" shall mean a state of the United States.

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CHAPTER 116

[House Bill No. 189]

WATER COMMISSIONERS' TRAVEL EXPENSES

AN ACT Relating to water commissioner travel expenses; and amending section 7, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as last amended by section 8, chapter 148, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 57.12.010.

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

Section 1. Section 7, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as last amended by section 8, chapter 148, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 57.12.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The officers of a district shall be a board of water commissioners consisting of three members. The board shall annually elect one of its members as president and another as secretary.

The secretary may be paid a reasonable sum for the clerical services performed by him. The board shall by resolution adopt rules governing the transaction of its business and shall adopt an official seal. All proceedings shall be by resolution recorded in a book kept for that purpose which shall be a public record.

A district shall provide by resolution for the payment of compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day or major part thereof devoted to the business of the district: **PROVIDED**, That the per diem for each commissioner shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per year. No commissioner shall be employed full time by the district. Each commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business, including his subsistence and lodging while away from his place of residence and mileage for use of personal automobile (~~at the rate of ten cents per mile~~) at the mileage rate authorized in RCW 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended.

The date for holding elections and taking office as herein provided shall be subject to the provisions of any consolidated election laws that may be made applicable thereto although previously enacted.

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