the payment of a fine, a plea of guilty, or a finding of guilt on a violation of this title is equivalent to a conviction regardless of whether the imposition of sentence is deferred or the penalty is suspended.

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CHAPTER 100

[House Bill No. 415]

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLLS—HEARINGS OFFICERS—APPEALS

AN ACT Relating to local improvement assessments; amending section 35.44.070, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.44.070; and amending section 35.44.080, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.44.080.

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

Section 1. Section 35.44.070, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.44-.070 are each amended to read as follows:

The assessment roll for local improvements when prepared as provided by law shall be filed with the city or town clerk. The council or other legislative authority shall thereupon fix a date for a hearing thereon before such legislative authority or may direct that the hearing shall be held before a committee thereof or the legislative authority of any city having a population of 15,000 or more may designate an officer to conduct such hearings. The committee of [or] officer designated shall hold a hearing on the assessment roll and consider all objections filed following which ((it shall report its)) the committee or officer shall make recommendations to such legislative authority which shall either adopt or reject the recommendations of the committee or officer. If a hearing is held before such a committee or officer it shall not be necessary to hold a hearing on the assessment roll before such legislative authority: PROVIDED, That a local ordinance shall provide for an appeal by any person protesting his or her assessment to the legislative authority of a decision made by such officer. The same procedure may if so directed by such legislative authority be followed with respect to any assessment upon the roll which is raised or changed to include omitted property. Such legislative authority shall direct the clerk to give notice of the hearing and of the time and place thereof.

Sec. 2. Section 35.44.080, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.44.080 are each amended to read as follows:

The notice of hearing upon the assessment roll shall specify the time and place of hearing and shall notify all persons who may desire to object thereto:

- (1) To make their objections in writing and to file them with the city or town clerk at or prior to the date fixed for the hearing;
- (2) That at the time and place fixed and at times to which the hearing may be adjourned, the council will sit as a board of equalization for the purpose of considering the roll; and
- (3) That at the hearing the council <u>or committee or officer</u> will consider the objections made and will correct, revise, raise, lower, change, or modify the roll or any part thereof or set aside the roll and order the assessment to be made de novo((, and at the conclusion thereof)).

Following the hearing the council shall confirm the roll by ordinance.

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CHAPTER 101

[House Bill No. 4] ADOPTION—CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

AN ACT Relating to adoption; amending section 12, chapter 291, Laws of 1955 and RCW 26.32.120; and amending section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1939 as last amended by section 40, chapter 42, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 70.58.210.

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

Section 1. Section 12, chapter 291, Laws of 1955 and RCW 26.32.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the conclusion of such hearing, if had, or upon filing the report of investigation, if any, or as soon as the procedure hereunder may permit, the court shall enter its decree either granting or denying the petition for adoption and change of name, if any, all as in its discretion it shall deem proper. If the decree is for adoption, it shall provide:

- (1) ((For the issuance of a certificate of birth of any child born in the state of Washington, by the state registrar of vital statistics, in such form and containing such information as the court may deem proper and by such decree shall direct;
- (2))) In the case of a child born in a state other than Washington, or in a territory of the United States, for the forwarding of the certificate of adoption to the department of health, or its equivalent, of the state or territory of the United States in which the birth occurred;
- (2) In the case of a child born in the state of Washington, for the issuance of a certificate of birth by the state registrar of vital statistics, in such form and containing such information as the court may deem proper and by such decree shall direct;