

Each local registrar, subject to the approval of the state registrar, shall appoint in writing a sufficient number of deputy registrars to administer the laws relating to vital statistics, and shall certify the appointment of such deputies to the state registrar. Deputy registrars shall act in the case of absence, death, illness or disability of the local registrar, or such other conditions as may be deemed sufficient cause to require their services.

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CHAPTER 53

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2144]

REWARDS—COUNTIES, STATE

AN ACT Relating to rewards; amending section 1, page 124, Laws of 1886 as amended by section 1, chapter 25, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 10.85.030; amending section 3, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.040; amending section 2, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.050; amending section 43.06.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 15, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.06.010; repealing section 52, page 84, Laws of 1854, section 58, page 192, Laws of 1873, section 852, Code of 1881 and RCW 10.85.010; repealing section 1, page 283, Laws of 1877, section 1290, Code of 1881 and RCW 10.85.020; repealing section 2, page 284, Laws of 1877, section 1291, Code of 1881, section 9, chapter 106, Laws of 1973 and RCW 10.85.025; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, page 124, Laws of 1886 as amended by section 1, chapter 25, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 10.85.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislative ~~((authorities of the several counties of))~~ authority of any county in the state, when in ((their)) its opinion the public good requires it, ((are)) is hereby authorized to offer and pay a suitable reward, not to exceed five hundred dollars in any one case, to any person or persons ~~((who, in consequence of such offer apprehends, brings back, and secures any person or persons, convicted of or charged with any criminal offense, if the offense be a felony))~~ for information leading to:

(a) The arrest of a specified person or persons convicted of or charged with any criminal offense; or

(b) The arrest and conviction of a person or persons committing a specified criminal offense.

In the event of crimes against county property, including but not limited to road signs, vehicles, buildings, or any other type of county property, the legislative authority of any county may offer and pay a suitable reward, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars in any one case, to any person or persons who shall furnish information ~~((or testimony))~~ leading to the arrest and

conviction of any person of any offense against ~~((such))~~ this county property, including but not limited to those offenses set forth in RCW 9A.48.070 through 9A.48.090, whether or not the offense ~~((be))~~ is a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. Section 3, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.040 are each amended to read as follows:

When more than one claimant applies for the payment of any reward, offered by any ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners, such commissioners))~~ legislative authority, the county legislative authority shall determine~~((, in their respective counties,))~~ to whom the same shall be paid, and if to more than one person, in what proportion to each; and their determination shall be final and conclusive.

Sec. 3. Section 2, page 124, Laws of 1886 and RCW 10.85.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any ~~((such))~~ reward has been offered by any ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners in Washington))~~ legislative authority in the state~~(; for the apprehension of any person or persons, convicted of or charged with any criminal offense, if the offense be a felony)~~ under RCW 10.85.030, the person or persons ~~((who shall first apprehend, bring back and secure such person or persons so charged;))~~ providing the information shall be entitled to ~~((such))~~ the reward, and the ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners who have))~~ legislative authority which has offered ((such)) the reward~~((, are))~~ is authorized to draw a warrant or warrants ~~((on the county treasurer for the amount of such reward, who shall pay the amount of said warrant or warrants,))~~ out of any money in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. Section 43.06.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 15, chapter 289, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.06.010 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to those prescribed by the Constitution, the governor may exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed in this and the following sections:

(1) The governor shall supervise the conduct of all executive and ministerial offices;

(2) The governor shall see that all offices are filled, and the duties thereof performed, or in default thereof, apply such remedy as the law allows; and if the remedy is imperfect, acquaint the legislature therewith at its next session;

(3) The governor shall make the appointments and supply the vacancies mentioned in this title;

(4) The governor is the sole official organ of communication between the government of this state and the government of any other state or territory, or of the United States;

(5) Whenever any suit or legal proceeding is pending against this state, or which may affect the title of this state to any property, or which may result in any claim against the state, the governor may direct the attorney general to appear on behalf of the state, and report the same to the governor, or to any grand jury designated by the governor, or to the legislature when next in session;

(6) The governor may require the attorney general or any prosecuting attorney to inquire into the affairs or management of any corporation existing under the laws of this state, or doing business in this state, and report the same to the governor, or to any grand jury designated by the governor, or to the legislature when next in session;

(7) The governor may require the attorney general to aid any prosecuting attorney in the discharge of his duties;

(8) The governor may offer rewards, not exceeding one thousand dollars in each case, payable out of the state treasury, for information leading to the apprehension of any person convicted of a felony who has escaped from ((the)) a state ((prison)) correctional institution or for information leading to the arrest of any person who has committed or is charged with the commission of a felony;

(9) The governor shall perform such duties respecting fugitives from justice as are prescribed by law;

(10) The governor shall issue and transmit election proclamations as prescribed by law;

(11) The governor may require any officer or board to make, upon demand, special reports to the governor, in writing;

(12) The governor may, after finding that a public disorder, disaster, energy emergency, or riot exists within this state or any part thereof which affects life, health, property, or the public peace, proclaim a state of emergency in the area affected, and the powers granted the governor during a state of emergency shall be effective only within the area described in the proclamation;

(13) The governor shall, when appropriate, submit to the select joint committee created by RCW 43.131.120, lists of state agencies, as defined by RCW 43.131.030, which agencies might appropriately be scheduled for termination by a bill proposed by the select joint committee.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 52, page 84, Laws of 1854, section 58, page 192, Laws of 1873, section 852, Code of 1881 and RCW 10.85.010;

(2) Section 1, page 283, Laws of 1877, section 1290, Code of 1881 and RCW 10.85.020; and

(3) Section 2, page 284, Laws of 1877, section 1291, Code of 1881, section 9, chapter 106, Laws of 1973 and RCW 10.85.025.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This 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 54

[Senate Bill No. 2173]

SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONERS—NUMBER—AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to superior court commissioners; amending section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.24.010; and amending section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 1, chapter 188, Laws of 1963 and RCW 2.24.040.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

There may be appointed in each county or judicial district, by the judges of the superior court having jurisdiction therein, ((a)) one or more court commissioners for said county or judicial district. Each such commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States and an elector of the county or judicial district in which he may be appointed, and shall hold his office during the pleasure of the judges appointing him.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 1, chapter 188, Laws of 1963 and RCW 2.24.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Such court commissioner shall have power, authority, and jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior court and the judge thereof, in the following particulars:

(1) To hear and determine all matters in probate, to make and issue all proper orders therein, and to issue citations in all cases where same are authorized by the probate statutes of this state.

(2) To grant and enter defaults and enter judgment thereon.

(3) To issue temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions, and to fix and approve bonds thereon.