

hundred registered voters or major fraction thereof when a state primary or general election is held in an even-numbered year.

(4) On petition of twenty-five or more voters resident more than ten miles from any place of election, the county legislative authority shall establish a separate voting precinct therefor.

The county legislative authority of each county in the state hereafter formed shall, at their first session, divide their respective counties into election precincts with two hundred fifty voters or less and establish the boundaries of the same; the county auditor shall thereupon designate the voting place for each such precinct.

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CHAPTER 108

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3378]

SHERIFF'S OFFICE—CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM TRANSFERS

AN ACT Relating to civil service in the sheriff's office; amending section 8, chapter 1, Laws of 1959 and RCW 41.14.080; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 8, chapter 1, Laws of 1959 and RCW 41.14.080 are each amended to read as follows:

All appointments to and promotions to positions in the classified civil service of the office of county sheriff shall be made solely on merit, efficiency, and fitness, which shall be ascertained by open competitive examination and impartial investigation: PROVIDED, That before June 30, 1981, employees in an existing county personnel system may be transferred to newly created and classified positions within such county's sheriff's office, in order to permanently transfer the functions of these positions, without meeting the open competitive examination requirements of this section if the transfer is approved by the civil service commission created in RCW 41.14.030. No person in the classified civil service shall be reinstated in or transferred, suspended, or discharged from any such place, position, or employment contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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 109

[Senate Bill No. 3415]

WHITE CANE LAW—HEARING IMPAIRMENT

AN ACT Relating to the white cane law; amending section 1, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.010; amending section 2, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.020; amending section 3, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.030; amending section 4, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 as amended by section 1, chapter 77, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 70.84.040; amending section 5, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.050; amending section 6, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.060; amending section 7, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.070; and amending section 9, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.080.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature declares:

(1) It is the policy of this state to encourage and enable the blind, the visually handicapped, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise physically disabled to participate fully in the social and economic life of the state, and to engage in remunerative employment.

(2) As citizens, the blind, the visually handicapped, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise physically disabled have the same rights as the able-bodied to the full and free use of the streets, highways, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places.

(3) The blind, the visually handicapped, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise physically disabled are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges on common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, street cars, boats, and all other public conveyances, as well as in hotels, lodging places, places of public resort, accommodation, assemblage or amusement, and all other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.020 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this chapter, the term "guide dog" shall mean a dog which is in working harness and is trained or approved by an accredited school engaged in training dogs for the purpose of guiding blind persons or