

CHAPTER 187

[House Bill No. 864]

COURT CONGESTION TASK FORCE

AN ACT Relating to a state task force on court congestion; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The state task force on court congestion is hereby established. The task force shall consist of the following eleven persons appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court: Four judges (one from each judicial level), two members of the legislature, three attorneys at least two whose primary area of legal practice is trial work, a local elected official, and the administrator for the courts. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended. Legislative members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 44.04.120 as now existing or hereafter amended. The administrator for the courts shall provide staff support to the task force.

The task force shall make recommendations for the alleviation of congestion in the trial and appellate courts of the state and shall study and make recommendations concerning the means of providing adequate funding for the courts of the state. The task force shall consult with all levels of the state judiciary, the state legislature, the legislative authorities of the counties, prosecutors, municipal attorneys, the state bar, and the public. The report of the task force shall be completed by January 1, 1983, and submitted to the governor, the chief justice, the senate committee on judiciary, and the house of representatives committee on ethics, law and justice.

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 188

[Substitute House Bill No. 887]

CIVIL ACTIONS—MANDATORY ARBITRATION

AN ACT Relating to mandatory arbitration of civil actions; amending section 2, chapter 103, Laws of 1979 and RCW 7.06.020; and amending section 5, chapter 103, Laws of 1979 and RCW 7.06.050.