

the statute could only lead to confusing interpretations if someone were to question the meaning of this section.

With the exception of section 3 in part, Substitute House Bill No. 1400 is approved."

CHAPTER 225

[House Bill No. 1415]

JAPANESE INTERNMENT—REDRESS OF CIVIL RIGHTS RESTRICTIONS— MUNICIPALITIES

AN ACT Relating to redress of civil rights restrictions resulting from federal Executive Order 9066; adding new sections to chapter 41.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The dismissal or termination of various municipal employees during World War II resulted from the promulgation of federal Executive Order 9066 which was based mainly on fear and suspicion rather than on factual justification. It is fair and just that redress be made to those employees who were terminated from municipal employment during the wartime years because of these circumstances. The legislature therefore finds that equity and fairness will be served by authorizing municipalities to accept claims for salary and other employment related losses suffered by the municipal employees directly affected and to pay the claims subject to the provisions of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A municipality may by ordinance or resolution provide for redress to any municipal employee or the surviving spouse of a municipal employee who, due to the promulgation of federal Executive Order 9066, was dismissed, terminated from a temporary position, or rejected during the person's probationary period, or who voluntarily resigned in lieu of dismissal from municipal employment, and who incurred salary and other employment related losses as a result thereof during the years 1942 through 1947.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 2 through 5 of this act do not require a municipality to adopt an ordinance or resolution providing for redress of salary and other employment related losses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Under the system of redress authorized under sections 2 through 5 of this act:

(1) A municipality may determine in its sole discretion the monetary amount of redress for salary and other employment related losses, which may not exceed five thousand dollars for any undivided claim.

(2) If a municipality adopts an ordinance or resolution providing for redress of salary and other employment related losses, it has no obligation to notify directly any person of possible eligibility for redress of salary and other employment related losses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. For the purposes of this chapter, "municipality" means a city, town, county, special purpose district, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or political subdivision of the state of Washington. For the purposes of this chapter, a "municipal employee" means an employee of a municipality.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each added to chapter 41.04 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. 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.

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CHAPTER 226

[Substitute House Bill No. 1846]

WAREHOUSES—EXCISE TAXATION

AN ACT Relating to excise taxation of warehouses; amending RCW 82.16.010 and 82.04.280; and providing an effective date.

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

Sec. 1. Section 82.16.010, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 32, chapter 3, Laws of 1983 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 82.16.010 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise required by the context:

(1) "Railroad business" means the business of operating any railroad, by whatever power operated, for public use in the conveyance of persons or property for hire. It shall not, however, include any business herein defined as an urban transportation business.

(2) "Express business" means the business of carrying property for public hire on the line of any common carrier operated in this state, when such common carrier is not owned or leased by the person engaging in such business.

(3) "Railroad car business" means the business of renting, leasing or operating stock cars, furniture cars, refrigerator cars, fruit cars, poultry cars, tank cars, sleeping cars, parlor cars, buffet cars, tourist cars, or any other kinds of cars used for transportation of property or persons upon the line of any railroad operated in this state when such railroad is not owned or leased by the person engaging in such business.