

large a sum, to such sum or amount as they believe was the true and fair value of his personal property.

Fifth. The board may review all claims for either real or personal property tax exemption, and shall consider any taxpayer appeals from the decision of the assessor thereon to determine (1) if the taxpayer is entitled to an exemption, and (2) if so, the amount thereof.

The clerk of the board shall keep an accurate journal or record of the proceedings and orders of said board in a book kept for that purpose, showing the facts and evidence upon which their action is based, and the said record shall be published the same as other proceedings of county ~~((commissioners))~~ legislative authority, and shall make a true record of the changes of the descriptions and assessed values ordered by the county board of equalization. The assessor shall correct the real and personal assessment rolls in accordance with the changes made by the said county board of equalization, and he shall make duplicate abstracts of such corrected values, one copy of which shall be retained in his office, and one copy forwarded to the state board of equalization on or before the fifth day of August next following the meeting of the county board of equalization.

The county board of equalization shall meet on the first Monday in July and may continue in session and adjourn from time to time during a period not to exceed four weeks, but shall remain in session not less than three days: PROVIDED, That, in addition to the several times fixed by statute, any county board of equalization may be reconvened for special or general purposes, but not later than three years after the date of adjournment of its regularly convened session by order of the department of revenue.

No taxes, except special taxes, shall be extended upon the tax rolls until the property valuations are equalized by the state board of equalization for the purpose of raising the state revenue.

~~((Boards of county commissioners))~~ County legislative authorities as such shall at no time have any authority to change the valuation of the property of any person or to release or commute in whole or in part the taxes due on the property of any person.

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CHAPTER 34

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2019]

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS—

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER—SELECTION—

RATES—PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to legal publications; adding new sections to chapter 36.72 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 65.16 RCW; repealing section 36.72.010, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.010; repealing section 36.72.020, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.020; repealing section 36.72.030, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.030; repealing section 36.72.040, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.040; repealing section 36.72.050, chapter 4, Laws of 1963, section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.72.050; repealing section 36.72.060, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.060;

repealing section 36.72.070, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.070; and repealing section 4, chapter 99, Laws of 1921, section 1, chapter 140, Laws of 1947, section 1, chapter 186, Laws of 1955, section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 28, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 65.16.090.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 36.72 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All county officers shall cause all legal notices and delinquent tax lists to be advertised in the official county newspaper designated by the county legislative authority.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 36.72 RCW a new section to read as follows:

At its first April meeting, the county legislative authority shall let a contract to a legal newspaper qualified under this section to serve as the official county newspaper for the term of one year beginning on the first day of July following. If there be at least one legal newspaper published in the county, the contract shall be let to a legal newspaper published in the county. If there be no legal newspaper published in the county, the county legislative authority shall let the contract to a legal newspaper published in an adjacent county and having general circulation in the county.

When two or more legal newspapers are qualified under the provisions of this section to be the official county newspaper, the county auditor shall advertise, at least five weeks before the meeting at which the county legislative authority shall let the contract for the official county newspaper, for bid proposals to be submitted by interested qualified legal newspapers. Advertisement of the opportunity to bid shall be mailed to all qualified legal newspapers and shall be published once in the official county newspaper. The advertisement may designate the form which notices shall take, and may require that the successful bidder provide a bond for the correct and faithful performance of the contract.

The county legislative authority shall let the contract to the best and lowest responsible bidder, giving consideration to the question of circulation in awarding the contract, with a view to giving publication of notices the widest publicity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 65.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The rate charged by a newspaper for legal notices shall not exceed the national advertising rate extended by the newspaper to all general advertisers and advertising agencies in its published rate card.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 65.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Whenever any county, city, or town is required by law to publish legal notices containing the full text of any proposed or adopted ordinance in a newspaper, the county, city, or town may publish a summary of the ordinance which summary shall be approved by the governing body and which shall include:

- (a) The name of the county, city, or town;
- (b) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;
- (c) A descriptive title;
- (d) A section-by-section summary;

(e) Any other information which the county, city, or town finds is necessary to provide a complete summary; and

(f) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section notwithstanding, whenever any publication is made under this section and the proposed or adopted ordinance contains provisions regarding taxation or penalties or contains legal descriptions of real property, then the sections containing this matter shall be published in full and shall not be summarized. When a legal description of real property is involved, the notice shall also include the street address or addresses of the property described, if any. In the case of descriptions covering more than one street address, the street addresses of the four corners of the area described shall meet this requirement.

(3) The full text of any ordinance which is summarized by publication under this section shall be mailed without charge to any person who requests the text from the adopting county, city, or town.

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

- (1) Section 36.72.010, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.010;
- (2) Section 36.72.020, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.020;
- (3) Section 36.72.030, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.030;
- (4) Section 36.72.040, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.040;
- (5) Section 36.72.050, chapter 4, Laws of 1963, section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.72.050;
- (6) Section 36.72.060, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.060;
- (7) Section 36.72.070, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.72.070; and
- (8) Section 4, chapter 99, Laws of 1921, section 1, chapter 140, Laws of 1947, section 1, chapter 186, Laws of 1955, section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 28, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 65.16.090.

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CHAPTER 35

[Senate Bill No. 2074]

HOSPITAL COMMISSION—ADMINISTRATION

AN ACT Relating to hospitals; and amending section 7, chapter 5, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 70.39.060.

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

Section 1. Section 7, chapter 5, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 70.39.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission shall appoint a full time executive director and a deputy director and confidential secretary who shall be exempt from the civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW and who shall perform the duties delegated by the commission. The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer of the commission and shall be subject to its direction.