

the numerator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable ~~((in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975))~~ on the effective date of this act. ~~((After the initial adjustment has been made, subsequent adjustments shall be made in the same manner as provided in RCW 51.32.075, provided that the base upon which such subsequent adjustments are made shall be the amount of compensation determined after the initial adjustment:))~~

(2) For those whose right to compensation was established on or after July 1, 1975, and before July 1, 1977, an initial adjustment shall be determined by multiplying the amount of compensation to which they are entitled by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable for the fiscal year in which such person's right to compensation was established, and the numerator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable on the effective date of this act.

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CHAPTER 203

[House Bill No. 208]

ACTIONS ON CONTRACTS OR LEASES—ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

AN ACT Relating to attorney's fees and costs; and adding a new section to chapter 4.84 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 4.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In any action on a contract or lease entered into after the effective date of this act, where such contract or lease specifically provides that attorney's fees and costs, which are incurred to enforce the provisions of such contract or lease, shall be awarded to one of the parties, the prevailing party, whether he is the party specified in the contract or lease or not, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees in addition to costs and necessary disbursements.

Attorney's fees provided for by this section shall not be subject to waiver by the parties to any contract or lease which is entered into after the effective date of this section. Any provision in any such contract or lease which provides for a waiver of attorney's fees is void.

As used in this section "prevailing party" means the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

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