

PROVIDED, That the total of all payments to the county in any biennium shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that biennium.

(4) There is appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the Washington state highway commission for the biennium ending June 30, 1973, the sum of forty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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CHAPTER 255

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 619]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION--

EMPLOYER'S RECORDS

AN ACT Relating to employer's records; and amending section 50, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 3, chapter 215, Laws of 1951 and RCW 50.12.110.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 50, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 3, chapter 215, Laws of 1951 and RCW 50.12.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Information obtained from employing unit records under the provisions of this title or obtained from any individual pursuant to the administration of this title shall be confidential and shall not be published or be open to public inspection (other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties when authorized by the director of the state agency by which they are employed and then only ~~((at the discretion of and))~~ in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner) in any manner revealing an individual's or employing unit's identity, but any interested party at a hearing before the appeal tribunal or the commissioner shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of the case in question: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, Records, with any necessary authentication thereof, required in the prosecution of any criminal action brought by another state, the United States or a foreign government for misrepresentation to obtain benefits under the law of this state shall be made available to the agency administering the employment security law of any such state, the United States or a foreign government for the purpose of such prosecution: PROVIDED FURTHER, That records of unemployment insurance claims, disclosure of which is not prohibited by federal

law, which are material to the apprehension of one who has been charged with a crime, may be made available for inspection to a governmental law enforcement officer upon the presentation of a subpoena for such records issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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CHAPTER 256

[Senate Bill No. 710]

RESIDENCE OF EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS,
OR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to certain municipal employees; amending section 1, chapter 72, Laws of 1949 and RCW 52.36.060; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the purpose of this 1971 amendatory act to recognize and to give effect to the existing public policy of this state, expressly declared in RCW 35.21.200 and impliedly recognized in RCW 52.36.060 and 35A.21.040, that residence of an employee outside the limits of a city, town, or fire protection district shall not be grounds for discharge of any regularly appointed civil service employee otherwise qualified.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 72, Laws of 1949 and RCW 52.36.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Any fire protection district organized and existing under chapter 34, Laws of 1939, and subsequent amendments thereof, having a full paid fire department, shall have authority by resolution of its board of fire commissioners to provide for civil service in its fire department in the same manner with the same powers and with the same force and effect as to such district as that provided by chapter 41.08, for cities, towns, and municipalities, including restrictions against the discharge of an employee because of his residence outside the limits of the city, town, municipality, or fire protection district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. 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.