

of three vehicles, with an overall length, with or without load, in excess of sixty-five feet, or a combination consisting of a tractor and a stinger steered semitrailer which has an overall length in excess of sixty-five feet without load or in excess of seventy feet with load.

"Stinger steered" as used in this section shall mean a tractor and semitrailer combination which has the coupling connecting the semitrailer to the tractor located to the rear of the center line of the rear axle of the tractor.

These length limitations shall not apply to vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.

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 105

[Engrossed House Bill No. 1348]

GRADUATE SERVICE APPOINTMENTS—COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MAY GRANT OPERATING FEE WAIVERS

AN ACT Relating to exemption from payment of operating fees for certain students at the state universities and regional universities; and adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The boards of regents of the state universities and the boards of trustees of the regional universities are authorized to exempt from paying the resident operating fee any person who is enrolled in such institution and who holds a graduate service appointment, designated as such by that institution, involving not less than twenty hours per week. The exemption shall be for the term the person shall hold the appointment. Until one year after the effective date of this act, the stipend paid to persons holding the graduate service appointments paid from state funds shall be reduced in an

amount equal to the resident operating fee so waived, and the institution shall pay to the general fund from moneys appropriated an amount equivalent to the amount of waived operating fee revenue so as to ensure that the general fund is not negatively impacted. The 1985-87 and subsequent biennial appropriations to the institutions shall be based on the level of reduced stipend resulting from this act. The stipend paid to persons holding graduate student appointments from nonstate funds shall be reduced and the institution reimbursed from such funds in an amount equal to the resident operating fee which funds shall be transmitted to the general fund.

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CHAPTER 106

[Substitute House Bill No. 1415]

LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLETS AUTHORIZED

AN ACT Relating to local voters' pamphlets; amending section 29.27.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 8, chapter 35, Laws of 1980 and RCW 29.27.080; adding new sections to chapter 29.01 RCW; creating a new chapter in Title 29 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 29.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

"County auditor" includes the county auditor in a noncharter county or the officer, irrespective of title, having the overall responsibility to maintain voter registration and to conduct state and local elections in a charter county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 29.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

"Local voters' pamphlet" means a pamphlet produced by a county or a first-class or code city that provides information about ballot measures or candidates, or both, and other information related to a primary, special election, or general election.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. At least ninety days before any primary or general election, or at least forty days before any special election held under RCW 29.13.010 or 29.13.020, the legislative authority of any county or first-class or code city may adopt an ordinance authorizing the publication and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet. The pamphlet shall provide information on all measures within that jurisdiction and may, if specified in the ordinance, include information on candidates within that jurisdiction. If both a county and a first-class or code city within that county authorize a local voters' pamphlet for the same election, the pamphlet shall be produced