
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2284

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Haugen, Horn, Paris and May)

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1 AN ACT Relating to counties; amending RCW 27.24.010, 27.24.020,
2 27.24.040, 27.24.062, 27.24.066, 27.24.067, 27.24.070, and 3.62.060;
3 adding a new section to chapter 3.62 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 2.56 RCW; and repealing RCW 27.24.050, 27.24.060, 27.24.063,
5 27.24.064, and 27.24.065.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.24.010 and 1919 c 84 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 ((In)) Each county ((having)) with a population of ((three
10 hundred)) eight thousand or more ((there)) shall ((be)) have a county
11 law library, which shall be governed and maintained as hereinafter
12 provided.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.24.020 and 1919 c 84 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 ~~((There shall be in))~~ (1) Every ((such)) county with a population
4 of three hundred thousand or more must have a board of law library
5 trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The
6 chairman of the ((board of)) county ((commissioners shall be))
7 legislative authority is an ex officio ((a)) trustee, ((and)) the
8 judges of the superior court of the county shall choose two of their
9 number to be trustees, and the members of the county bar association
10 shall choose two members of the bar of the county to be trustees.

11 (2) Every county with a population of eight thousand or more but
12 less than three hundred thousand must have a board of law library
13 trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The
14 chairman of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee,
15 the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of
16 their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar
17 association shall choose three members of the county to be trustees.
18 If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county
19 shall choose three of their number to be trustees.

20 (3) If a county has a population of less than eight thousand, then
21 the provisions contained in RCW 27.24.068 shall apply to the
22 establishment and operation of the county law library.

23 (4) If a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062,
24 then it shall be governed by one board of trustees. The board shall
25 consist of the following representatives from each county: The judges
26 of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to
27 be a trustee, the county legislative authority shall choose one of
28 their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar
29 association shall choose one member of the bar of the county to be a

1 trustee. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of
2 the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee.

3 (5) The term of office of a member of the board who is a judge
4 (~~shall be~~) is for as long as he or she continues to be a judge, and
5 the term of a member who is from the bar (~~shall be~~) is four years.
6 Vacancies shall be filled as they occur and in the manner (~~above~~)
7 directed in this section. The office of trustee shall be without
8 salary or other compensation. The board shall elect one of their
9 number president and the librarian shall act as secretary, except that
10 in counties with a population of eight thousand or more but less than
11 three hundred thousand, the board shall elect one of their number to
12 act as secretary if no librarian is appointed. Meetings shall be held
13 at least (~~quarterly and as much oftener and~~) once per year, and if
14 more often, then at such times as may be prescribed by rule.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.24.040 and 1919 c 84 s 4 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The board of law library trustees shall, on or before the first
18 Monday in September of each year, make a report to the (~~board of~~)
19 county (~~commissioners~~) legislative authority of their county giving
20 the condition of their trust, with a full statement of all property
21 received and how used, the number of books and other publications on
22 hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the
23 preceding year, the number lost or missing, and such other information
24 as may be of public interest, together with a financial report showing
25 all receipts and disbursements of money.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 27.24.062 and 1991 c 363 s 18 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

1 (~~In each county with a population of from eight thousand to less~~
2 ~~than one hundred twenty five thousand, there shall be a county law~~
3 ~~library which shall be governed and maintained as hereinafter~~
4 ~~provided.~~)

5 Two or more (~~of such~~) counties each with a population of from
6 eight thousand to less than one hundred twenty-five thousand may, by
7 agreement of the respective law library boards of trustees, create a
8 regional law library and establish and maintain one principal law
9 library at such location as the regional board of trustees may
10 determine will best suit the needs of the users: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
11 That there shall be at all times a law library in such size as the
12 board of trustees may determine necessary to be located at the
13 courthouse where each superior court is located.

14 **Sec. 5.** RCW 27.24.066 and 1933 c 167 s 3 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The (~~board of~~) county (~~commissioners~~) legislative authority of
17 each county (~~to which this act is applicable,~~) that is required to
18 maintain a county law library shall upon demand by the board of law
19 library trustees, provide a room suitable for the law library,
20 (~~adequately heated, lighted~~) with adequate heat, light, and janitor
21 service.

22 **Sec. 6.** RCW 27.24.067 and 1933 c 167 s 3 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 The use of the county law library shall be free to the judges of
25 the state, to state and county officials, and to members of the bar,
26 and to such others as the board of trustees may by rule provide.
27 Residents of counties with a population of three hundred thousand or
28 more shall have free use of the law library.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 27.24.070 and 1985 c 389 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 In each county pursuant to this chapter, the county treasurer shall
4 deposit in the county or regional law library fund a sum equal to seven
5 dollars for every new probate or civil filing fee, including appeals,
6 collected by the clerk of the superior court and three dollars for
7 every fee collected for the commencement of a civil action in district
8 court for the support of the law library in that county or the regional
9 law library to which the county belongs: PROVIDED, That upon a showing
10 of need the seven dollar contribution may be increased up to ((~~nine~~))
11 fifteen dollars upon the request of the law library board of trustees
12 and with the approval of the county legislative body or bodies.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 3.62 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 All courts organized under Title 3 or 35 RCW may charge fees as
16 prescribed in RCW 3.62.060. The fees or charges imposed under this
17 section shall be allowed as court costs whenever a judgment for costs
18 is awarded.

19 **Sec. 9.** RCW 3.62.060 and 1990 c 172 s 2 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Clerks of the district courts shall collect the following fees for
22 their official services;

23 (1) In any civil action commenced before or transferred to a
24 district court, the plaintiff shall, at the time of such commencement
25 or transfer, pay to such court a filing fee of ((~~twenty-five~~)) thirty-
26 one dollars plus any surcharge authorized by RCW 7.75.035. No party
27 shall be compelled to pay to the court any other fees or charges up to

1 and including the rendition of judgment in the action other than those
2 listed.

3 (2) For issuing a writ of garnishment or other writ a fee of six
4 dollars.

5 (3) For filing a supplemental proceeding a fee of twelve dollars.

6 (4) For demanding a jury in a civil case a fee of fifty dollars to
7 be paid by the person demanding a jury.

8 (5) For preparing a transcript of a judgment a fee of six dollars.

9 (6) For certifying any document on file or of record in the clerk's
10 office a fee of five dollars.

11 (7) For preparing the record of a case for appeal to superior court
12 a fee of forty dollars including any costs of tape duplication as
13 governed by the rules of appeal for courts of limited jurisdiction
14 (RALJ).

15 (8) For duplication of part or all of the electronic tape or tapes
16 of a proceeding ten dollars per tape.

17 The fees or charges imposed under this section shall be allowed as
18 court costs whenever a judgment for costs is awarded.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 Effective July 1, 1993, the office of administrator for the courts,
22 at the direction of the board for judicial administration, shall
23 establish fees for all courts in the state.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The following acts or parts of acts are
25 each repealed:

26 (1) RCW 27.24.050 and 1919 c 84 s 5;

27 (2) RCW 27.24.060 and 1919 c 84 s 6;

28 (3) RCW 27.24.063 and 1971 ex.s. c 141 s 2 & 1933 c 167 s 3;

1 (4) RCW 27.24.064 and 1933 c 167 s 3; and

2 (5) RCW 27.24.065 and 1933 c 167 s 3.