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By House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability
(originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, McDermott, Jarrett,
Miloscia, Nixon, Green, Wallace and Hunt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the statute law committee; amending RCW
2 1.08.001, 1.08.003, 1.08.005, 1.08.007, and 1.08.011; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.08.001 and 1967 ex.s. c 124 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 There is created a permanent statute law committee consisting of
8 ~~((twelve lawyer))~~ nine members as follows: ~~((A lawyer member of the~~
9 ~~legislature, ex officio, designated by the speaker of the house of~~
10 ~~representatives with the concurrence of the president of the senate;~~
11 ~~the chairman of the senate judiciary committee, ex officio, or a member~~
12 ~~thereof who belongs to the same political party as the chairman, and~~
13 ~~one other member thereof who belongs to the other major political~~
14 ~~party, to be appointed by the chairman; the chairman of the house~~
15 ~~judiciary committee, ex officio, or a member thereof who belongs to the~~
16 ~~same political party as the chairman, and one other member thereof who~~
17 ~~belongs to the other major political party, to be appointed by the~~
18 ~~chairman; five lawyers))~~

19 (1) The secretary of the senate, ex officio;

1 (2) An attorney staff member of the senate appointed by the leader
2 of the second largest caucus of the senate;

3 (3) The chief clerk of the house of representatives, ex officio;

4 (4) An attorney staff member of the house of representatives
5 appointed by the leader of the second largest caucus of the house of
6 representatives;

7 (5) The staff director of the nonpartisan professional committee
8 staff of the senate, ex officio;

9 (6) The staff director of the nonpartisan professional committee
10 staff of the house of representatives, ex officio;

11 (7) A lawyer admitted to practice in this state, ((designated))
12 appointed by the board of governors of the Washington State Bar
13 Association;

14 (8) A judge of the supreme court or a lawyer who has been admitted
15 to practice in this state, ((recommended)) appointed by the chief
16 justice of the supreme court; and

17 (9) A lawyer staff member ((at-large)) of the governor's office or
18 a state agency, appointed by the governor.

19 All such ~~((designations or))~~ initial appointments~~((7))~~ shall
20 ~~((except as provided in RCW 1.08.003,7))~~ be made ~~((as above provided~~
21 ~~prior to April 1, 1959))~~ within thirty days of the effective date of
22 this act.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.08.003 and 1959 c 95 s 2 are each amended to read as
24 follows:

25 The term~~((s))~~ of the member~~((s designated))~~ of the committee
26 appointed by the State Bar Association, shall be for ((six)) two years.
27 ~~((The term of the member recommended by the chief justice shall be at~~
28 ~~the pleasure of the supreme court. The term of the governor's~~
29 ~~appointee shall be four years. The term of the senate and house~~
30 ~~judiciary committee members shall be two years, from April 1st~~
31 ~~following the adjournment of the regular session of the legislature in~~
32 ~~each odd numbered year starting in 1955 and to and including the~~
33 ~~thirty first day of March in the succeeding odd numbered year.))~~

34 The term of any ex officio member~~((, other than senate and house~~
35 ~~judiciary committee members shall))~~ expires upon expiration of tenure
36 of the position by virtue of which he or she is a member of the
37 committee. The remaining members of the committee shall serve at the

1 pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled by
2 designation, appointment, or ex officio in the same manner as for the
3 member so vacating, and if a vacancy results other than from expiration
4 of a term, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

5 ~~((Of the members to be designated by the Washington State Bar
6 Association, the term of one member shall expire March 31, 1959, the
7 terms of two members shall expire March 31, 1961, the terms of two
8 members shall expire March 31, 1963, and the term of one member shall
9 expire March 31, 1965: PROVIDED, That this 1959 amendment shall not
10 affect the present terms of present members.))~~

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 1.08.005 and 1984 c 287 s 6 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 For attendance at meetings of the committee or in attending to such
14 other business of the committee as may be authorized thereby, each
15 ~~((legislative))~~ member of the committee who is not otherwise employed
16 by the state shall ~~((receive the per diem and travel allowances
17 provided for such members by RCW 44.04.120, and each other member
18 shall))~~ be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 ~~((and))~~. All
19 members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
20 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 1.08.007 and 1953 c 257 s 3 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 ~~((The committee shall meet at the call of the senate judiciary
24 chairman as soon as feasible after April 1, 1953.))~~ The committee
25 shall from time to time elect a chairman from among its members~~((7))~~
26 and adopt rules to govern its procedures. Four members of the
27 committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business
28 but no proceeding of the committee shall be valid unless carried by the
29 vote of a majority of the members present. The code reviser or a
30 member of his or her staff shall act as secretary of the committee.

31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 1.08.011 and 1951 c 157 s 5 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 The committee shall~~((7 as soon as practicable after April 1,
34 19517))~~ employ on behalf of the state~~((7))~~ and from time to time fix
35 the compensation of a competent code reviser, with power to terminate

1 any such employment at any time(~~(, subject to contract rights)~~). The
2 committee shall also employ on behalf of the state and fix the
3 compensation of such additional legal and clerical assistance to the
4 code reviser as may reasonably be required under this chapter. The
5 committee shall have general supervision and control over the functions
6 and performance of the code reviser.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
10 immediately.

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