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1 AN ACT Relating to the statute law committee; amending RCW
2 44.04.260, 1.08.011, 1.08.013, 1.08.015, 1.08.027, 1.08.038, 1.08.039,
3 1.08.0392, 1.08.060, and 1.08.110; adding new sections to chapter 1.08
4 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.08 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
9 this section apply throughout this chapter.

10 (1) "Administrative committee" means the administrative committee
11 of the office of the code reviser established in section 2 of this act.

12 (2) "Code reviser" means the code reviser employed by the
13 administrative committee under RCW 1.08.011.

14 (3) "Committee" means the statute law committee established under
15 RCW 1.08.001.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.08 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) The administrative committee is created to oversee the office
2 of the code reviser. The administrative committee consists of four
3 members appointed as follows:

4 (a) The secretary of the senate and another senate staff person
5 appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the secretary; and

6 (b) The chief clerk of the house of representatives and another
7 house of representatives staff person appointed by and serving at the
8 pleasure of the chief clerk.

9 (2) The code reviser serves as the secretary of the administrative
10 committee.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 44.04.260 and 2003 c 295 s 12 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 The joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislative
14 transportation committee, the select committee on pension policy, the
15 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, the office
16 of the code reviser, and the joint legislative systems committee are
17 subject to such operational policies, procedures, and oversight as are
18 deemed necessary by the facilities and operations committee of the
19 senate and the executive rules committee of the house of
20 representatives to ensure operational adequacy of the agencies of the
21 legislative branch. As used in this section, "operational policies,
22 procedures, and oversight" includes the development process of biennial
23 budgets, contracting procedures, personnel policies, and compensation
24 plans, selection of a chief administrator, facilities, and
25 expenditures. This section does not grant oversight authority to the
26 facilities and operations committee of the senate over any standing
27 committee of the house of representatives or oversight authority to the
28 executive rules committee of the house of representatives over any
29 standing committee of the senate.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 1.08 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 The administration of the office of the code reviser is subject to
33 RCW 44.04.260.

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

1 (~~The committee shall, as soon as practicable after April 1, 1951,~~
2 ~~employ on behalf of the state, and from time to time fix the~~
3 ~~compensation of a competent code reviser, with power to terminate any~~
4 ~~such employment at any time, subject to contract rights. The committee~~
5 ~~shall also employ on behalf of the state and fix the compensation of~~
6 ~~such additional legal and clerical assistance to the code reviser as~~
7 ~~may reasonably be required under this chapter. The committee shall~~
8 ~~have general supervision and control over the functions and performance~~
9 ~~of the reviser.)) The administrative committee employs the code
10 reviser and has general administrative oversight over the functions and
11 performance of the office of the code reviser. The code reviser serves
12 at the pleasure of the administrative committee, which determines the
13 code reviser's salary. The administrative committee may also authorize
14 the code reviser to employ and fix the compensation of such additional
15 legal and clerical assistance to the code reviser as may reasonably be
16 required under this chapter.~~

17 **Sec. 6.** RCW 1.08.013 and 1951 c 157 s 6 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (~~Code reviser shall mean any lawyer or law publisher employing~~
20 ~~competent lawyers, each deemed by the committee to be qualified to))
21 The office of the code reviser is created as a state agency within the
22 legislative branch. The executive head of the office is the code
23 reviser, who must be a lawyer deemed qualified by the administrative
24 committee to compile the statutory law of the state of Washington as
25 enacted by the legislature into a code or compilation of laws by title,
26 chapter, and section, without substantive change or alteration of
27 purpose or intent.~~

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 1.08.015 and 1961 c 246 s 1 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (~~Subject to such general policies as may be promulgated by the~~
31 ~~committee and to the general supervision of the)) In consultation with
32 the statute law committee, the code reviser shall:~~

33 (1) Codify for consolidation into the Revised Code of Washington
34 all laws of a general and permanent nature heretofore or hereafter
35 enacted by the legislature, and assign permanent numbers as provided by

1 law to all new titles, chapters, and sections so added to the revised
2 code.

3 (2) Edit and revise such laws for such consolidation, to the extent
4 deemed necessary or desirable by the reviser and without changing the
5 meaning of any such law, in the following respects only:

6 (a) Make capitalization uniform with that followed generally in the
7 revised code.

8 (b) Make chapter or section division and subdivision designations
9 uniform with that followed in the revised code.

10 (c) Substitute for the term "this act," where necessary, the term
11 "section," "part," "code," "chapter," or "title," or reference to
12 specific section or chapter numbers, as the case may require.

13 (d) Substitute for reference to a section of an "act," the proper
14 code section number reference.

15 (e) Substitute for "as provided in the preceding section" and other
16 phrases of similar import, the proper code section number references.

17 (f) Substitute the proper calendar date for "effective date of this
18 act," "date of passage of this act," and other phrases of similar
19 import.

20 (g) Strike out figures where merely a repetition of written words,
21 and substitute, where deemed advisable for uniformity, written words
22 for figures.

23 (h) Rearrange any misplaced statutory material, incorporate any
24 omitted statutory material as well as correct manifest errors in
25 spelling, and manifest clerical or typographical errors, or errors by
26 way of additions or omissions.

27 (i) Correct manifest errors in references, by chapter or section
28 number, to other laws.

29 (j) Correct manifest errors or omissions in numbering or
30 renumbering sections of the revised code.

31 (k) Divide long sections into two or more sections, and rearrange
32 the order of sections to conform to such logical arrangement of subject
33 matter as may most generally be followed in the revised code when to do
34 so will not change the meaning or effect of such sections.

35 (l) Change the wording of section captions, if any, and provide
36 captions to new chapters and sections.

37 (m) Strike provisions manifestly obsolete.

1 (3) Create new code titles, chapters, and sections of the Revised
2 Code of Washington, or otherwise revise the title, chapter, and
3 sectional organization of the code, all as may be required from time to
4 time, to effectuate the orderly and logical arrangement of the
5 statutes. Such new titles, chapters, and sections, and organizational
6 revisions, shall have the same force and effect as the ninety-one
7 titles originally enacted and designated as the "Revised Code of
8 Washington" pursuant to the code adoption acts codified in chapter 1.04
9 RCW.

10 **Sec. 8.** RCW 1.08.027 and 1953 c 257 s 6 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 Subject to the oversight of the administrative committee, the code
13 reviser shall be in charge of and shall at all times maintain an expert
14 bill drafting service for the use and benefit of the legislature, its
15 committees and its members. Prior to any session thereof, the
16 legislature shall provide quarters convenient to both houses and shall
17 augment the reviser's staff with such additional legal and clerical
18 assistance as may be needed to carry out the bill drafting functions of
19 the legislature and pay the cost of such additional staff. Such
20 services shall be confidential and nonpartisan and no member of the
21 bill drafting staff shall advocate for or against any legislative
22 measure.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 1.08.038 and 1955 c 235 s 7 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The (~~statute law committee~~) office of the code reviser shall
26 publish, sell and distribute, and arrange for the publication, sale and
27 distribution of the Revised Code of Washington and of supplements
28 thereto and of such other materials as in (~~their~~) his or her
29 discretion may be incorporated in or appended to the code. (~~They~~)
30 The code reviser may republish, reprint, or authorize the republishing
31 or reprinting of the code or any portion thereof.

32 **Sec. 10.** RCW 1.08.039 and 1955 c 235 s 8 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (~~The committee~~) Subject to the oversight of the administrative
35 committee, the code reviser may enter into contracts or otherwise

1 arrange for the publication and/or distribution, provided for in RCW
2 1.08.038, with or without calling for bids, by the public printer or by
3 private printer, upon specifications formulated under the authority of
4 RCW 1.08.037, and upon such basis as the (~~committee~~) code reviser
5 deems to be most expeditious and economical. Any such contract may be
6 upon such terms as the (~~committee~~) code reviser deems to be most
7 advantageous to the state and to potential purchasers of such
8 publications. The (~~committee~~) code reviser shall fix terms and
9 prices for such publications.

10 **Sec. 11.** RCW 1.08.0392 and 1961 c 246 s 2 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 For the purposes of financing the production and sale of such of
13 its publications as in the judgment of the (~~statute law committee~~)
14 code reviser may be advantageously financed by the use of revolving
15 fund moneys, there is hereby created, and the (~~committee~~) code
16 reviser is authorized to maintain, a revolving fund to be known as
17 (~~statute law committee~~) the office of the code reviser publications
18 account. None of the provisions of RCW 43.01.050 shall be applicable
19 to (~~said~~) this fund nor to any moneys received or collected by the
20 (~~committee~~) code reviser for publications financed by (~~said~~) the
21 fund.

22 All moneys shall be paid from said account by check or voucher in
23 such form and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the
24 (~~committee~~) code reviser.

25 **Sec. 12.** RCW 1.08.060 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 32 s 6 are each amended
26 to read as follows:

27 The (~~committee~~) code reviser may loan sets of the code and
28 materials supplemental thereto:

29 (1) For the use of senate committees, a quantity as required by
30 advice from the secretary of the senate, not to exceed twenty-five
31 sets;

32 (2) For use of the house committees, a quantity as required by
33 advice from the chief clerk of the house, not to exceed thirty-five
34 sets;

35 (3) To the state law library for library use;

36 (4) For use of the reviser's office, as required; and

1 (5) For use of recognized news reporting services maintaining
2 permanent offices at the capitol, three sets.

3 The (~~committee~~) code reviser may exchange copies of RCW for codes
4 or compilations of other states.

5 **Sec. 13.** RCW 1.08.110 and 1977 ex.s. c 240 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The (~~statute law committee~~) code reviser, in addition to the
8 other responsibilities enumerated in this chapter, shall cause to be
9 published the Washington State Register as created in RCW 34.08.020.
10 The (~~statute law committee and/or the~~) code reviser may adopt such
11 rules as are necessary for the effective operation of such service.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 July 1, 2005.

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