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By Representatives Goodman and Rodne; by request of Statute Law Committee

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1 AN ACT Relating to editorial standards for the publication of the
2 Revised Code of Washington; and amending RCW 1.08.015 and 1.08.017.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.08.015 and 1961 c 246 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Subject to such general policies as may be promulgated by the
7 committee and to the general supervision of the committee, the reviser
8 shall:

9 (1) Codify for consolidation into the Revised Code of Washington
10 all laws of a general and permanent nature heretofore or hereafter
11 enacted by the legislature, and assign permanent numbers as provided by
12 law to all new titles, chapters, and sections so added to the revised
13 code.

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

17 (a) Make capitalization uniform with that followed generally in the
18 revised code.

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

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

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

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

10 (f) Substitute the proper calendar date for "effective date of this
11 act," "date of passage of this act," and other phrases of similar
12 import.

13 (g) Strike out figures where merely a repetition of written words,
14 and substitute, where deemed advisable for uniformity, written words
15 for figures.

16 (h) Rearrange any misplaced statutory material, incorporate any
17 omitted statutory material as well as correct manifest errors in
18 spelling, and manifest clerical or typographical errors, or errors by
19 way of additions or omissions.

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

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

24 (k) (~~Divide long sections into two or more sections, and~~)
25 Rearrange the order of sections to conform to such logical arrangement
26 of subject matter as may most generally be followed in the revised
27 code, and alphabetize definition sections, when to do so will not
28 change the meaning or effect of such sections.

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

31 (m) Strike provisions manifestly obsolete.

32 (3) Create new code titles, chapters, and sections of the Revised
33 Code of Washington, or otherwise revise the title, chapter and
34 sectional organization of the code, all as may be required from time to
35 time, to effectuate the orderly and logical arrangement of the
36 statutes. Such new titles, chapters, and sections, and organizational
37 revisions, shall have the same force and effect as the ninety-one

1 titles originally enacted and designated as the "Revised Code of
2 Washington" pursuant to the code adoption acts codified in chapter 1.04
3 RCW.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.08.017 and 1955 c 235 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The reviser may omit from the code all titles to acts, enacting
7 and repealing clauses, preambles, declarations of emergency,
8 severability, and validity and construction sections unless, in a
9 particular instance, it may be necessary to retain such to preserve the
10 full intent of the law. The omission of validity or construction
11 sections is not intended to, nor shall it change, or be considered as
12 changing, the effect to be given thereto in construing legislation of
13 which such validity and construction sections were a part. Any section
14 so omitted, other than repealing, emergency, severability, or validity
15 provisions, shall be referred to or set forth as an annotation to the
16 applicable sections of the act as codified.

17 (2) The reviser may remove annotations that have appeared in the
18 published Revised Code of Washington for more than ten years, unless in
19 a particular instance, it may be necessary to retain such to preserve
20 the full intent of the law. Any annotations removed under this
21 subsection shall be retained and available in the electronic copy of
22 the Revised Code of Washington available on the code reviser web site.

23 (3) Section captions, part headings, subheadings, tables of
24 contents, and indexes appearing in legislative bills shall not be
25 considered any part of the law, and the reviser may omit such
26 provisions from the Revised Code of Washington and annotations unless,
27 in a particular instance, it may be necessary to retain such to
28 preserve the full intent of the law.

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