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By Senators Delvin, Hewitt, Schoesler, Carrell, Swecker, Parlette, Stevens, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to county elected officials keeping offices at the  
2 county seat; and amending RCW 36.16.090, 36.23.080, 36.28.160,  
3 36.29.170, and 36.80.015.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.16.090 and 1963 c 4 s 36.16.090 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the  
8 state shall provide a suitable furnished office for each of the county  
9 officers in their respective courthouses and may provide additional  
10 offices elsewhere for the officers at the board's discretion.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.23.080 and 1963 c 4 s 36.23.080 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 ~~((The office of))~~ The clerk of the superior court shall ~~((be kept))~~  
14 keep an office at the county seat of the county of which he or she is  
15 clerk.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.28.160 and 1963 c 4 s 36.28.160 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

1       The sheriff must keep ((his)) an office at the county seat of the  
2 county of which he or she is sheriff.

3       **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.29.170 and 2001 c 299 s 9 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5       The county treasurer shall keep ((the)) an office ((of—the  
6 treasurer)) at the county seat, and shall keep the same open for  
7 transaction of business during business hours; and the treasurer and  
8 the treasurer's deputy are authorized to administer all oaths necessary  
9 in the discharge of the duties of the office.

10       **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.80.015 and 1963 c 4 s 36.80.015 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12       The county road engineer shall keep ((his)) an office at the county  
13 seat in such room or rooms as are provided by the county, and he or she  
14 shall be furnished with all necessary cases and other suitable  
15 articles, and also with all blank books and blanks necessary to the  
16 proper discharge of his or her official duties. The records and books  
17 in the county road engineer's office shall be public records, and shall  
18 at all proper times be open to the inspection and examination of the  
19 public.

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