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       Sec. 1. RCW 5.24.010 and 1941 c 82 s 1 are each amended to read
 6 as follows:
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       Every court of this state shall take judicial notice of the
 8 Constitution, common law, civil law, and statutes of every state,
 9 territory and other jurisdiction of the United States.
   [1941 c 82 s 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1278.]
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       Sec. 2. RCW 5.24.020 and 1941 c 82 s 2 are each amended to read
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   as follows:
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       The court may inform itself of such laws in such manner as it
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   may deem proper, and the court may call upon counsel to aid it in
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   obtaining such information.
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   [1941 c 82 s 2; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1279.]
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       Sec. 3. RCW 5.24.030 and 1941 c 82 s 3 are each amended to read
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   as follows:
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       The determination of such laws shall be made by the court and
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   not by the jury and shall be reviewable.
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   [1941 c 82 s 3; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1280.]
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       Sec. 4. RCW 5.24.040 and 1981 c 331 s 14 are each amended to
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read as follows:

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      This chapter shall not be construed to relieve any party of the
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- 2 duty of hereafter pleading such laws where required under the law
- 3 and practice of this state.
- 4 [1981 c 331 s 14; 1941 c 82 s 4; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1281.]

Court Congestion Reduction Act of 1981—Purpose—Severability— 6 **1981 c 331:** See notes following RCW 2.32.070.

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- RCW 5.24.050 and 1941 c 82 s 5 are each amended to read 8 Sec. 5. 9 as follows:
- 10 The law of any jurisdiction other than a state, territory or
- 11 other jurisdiction of the United States shall be an issue for the
- 12 court, but shall not be subject to the foregoing provisions
- 13 concerning judicial notice.
- 14 [1941 c 82 s 5; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1282.]

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- 16 RCW 5.24.060 and 1941 c 82 s 6 are each amended to read Sec. 6.
- 17 as follows:
- 18 This chapter shall be so interpreted and construed as to
- 19 effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those
- 20 states which enact it.
- [1941 c 82 s 6; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1283.]

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- 23 Sec. 7. RCW 5.24.070 and 1941 c 82 s 7 are each amended to read
- as follows:
- 25 This chapter may be cited as the "Uniform Judicial Notice of
- 26 Foreign Laws Act."
- 27 [1941 c 82 s 7; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 1284.]

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- 29 Sec. 8. RCW 5.28.010 and 2010 c 98 s 1 are each amended to read 30 as follows:
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- Every court, judge, clerk of a court, state-certified court
- 32 reporter, or notary public, is authorized to take testimony in any
- 33 action, suit or proceeding, and such other persons in particular

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1 cases as authorized by law. Every such court or officer is
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- 2 authorized to collect fees established under RCW 36.18.020 and
- 3 36.18.012 through 36.18.018 and to administer oaths and affirmations
- 4 generally and to every such other person in such particular case as
- 5 authorized.
- ⁶ [2010 c 98 s 1; 1995 c 292 s 1; 1987 c 202 s 124; 2 H. C. s 1693;
- 1869 p 378 s 1; RRS s 1264.]

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- 9 Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.
- 10 Oath of witness in superior court to be administered by judge: Rules of court: Cf. CR 43(d).

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Powers of courts, judicial officers to administer oaths: RCW 2.28.010, 2.28.060.

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- 14 Sec. 9. RCW 5.28.020 and 2011 c 336 s 132 are each amended to
- 15 read as follows:
- An oath may be administered as follows: The person who swears
- 17 holds up his or her hand, while the person administering the oath
- 18 thus addresses him or her: "You do solemnly swear that the evidence
- 19 you shall give in the issue (or matter) now pending
- 20 between \dots and \dots shall be the truth, the
- 21 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God." If the
- 22 oath be administered to any other than a witness giving testimony,
- 23 the form may be changed to: "You do solemnly swear you will true
- 24 answers make to such questions as you may be asked," etc.
- ²⁵ [2011 c 336 s 132; 2 H. C. s 1694; 1869 p 378 s 2; RRS s 1265.]

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- 27 **Sec. 10.** RCW 5.28.030 and 2011 c 336 s 133 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
- Whenever the court or officer before which a person is offered
- 30 as a witness is satisfied that he or she has a peculiar mode of
- 31 swearing connected with or in addition to the usual form of
- 32 administration, which, in witness' opinion, is more solemn or

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1 obligatory, the court or officer may, in its discretion, adopt that
2 mode.
3 [2011 c 336 s 133; 2 H. C. s 1695; 1869 p 379 s 3; RRS s 1266.]
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