

twenty-five thousand and under forty thousand; six thousand six hundred dollars per annum;))

Said compensation shall be paid out of the current expense fund of the county where court is held.

In judicial districts comprising more than one county the judge or judges thereof shall, on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, apportion the amount of the salary to be paid to the reporter by each county according and in proportion to the number of criminal and civil actions entered and commenced in superior court of the constituent counties in the preceding year. In addition to the salary above provided, in judicial districts comprising more than one county, the reporter shall receive his actual and necessary expenses of transportation and living expenses when he goes on official business to a county of his judicial district other than the county in which he resides, from the time he leaves his place of residence until he returns thereto, said expense to be paid by the county to which he travels. If one trip includes two or more counties, the expense may be apportioned between the counties visited in proportion to the amount of time spent in each county on the trip. If an official reporter uses his own automobile for the purpose of such transportation, he shall be paid therefor at the same rate per mile as county officials are paid for use of their private automobiles. The sworn statement of the official reporter, when certified to as correct by the judge presiding, shall be a sufficient voucher upon which the county auditor shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer of the county in favor of the official reporter.

The salaries of official court reporters shall be paid upon sworn statements, when certified as correct by the judge presiding, as state and county officers are paid.

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CHAPTER 19

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 62]

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES--

PENSION PLANS--DEFERRED ANNUITIES

AN ACT Relating to public employees' benefits; and amending section 1, chapter 264, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.04.250.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 264, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.04.250 are each amended to read as follows:

Any department, division, or separate agency of the state government, and any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state acting through its principal supervising official or governing body is authorized to enter into an agreement with any life insurance company, bank trustee, or custodian authorized to do business in the state of Washington to provide qualified pension plans under the provisions of 26 U.S.C., section 401(a), as amended by Public Law 89-809, 80 Stat. 1577, 1578 as now or hereafter amended, or to provide deferred annuities ((in lieu of a portion of salary or wages)) for all officials and employees of said public entities deemed to be eligible by the agency of the United States government having jurisdiction of the matter under the provisions of 26 U.S.C., section ((401 (a), [403(b)])) 403(b), as amended by Public Law 87-370, 75 Stat. 796 and as now or hereafter amended, such pension or annuities to be in lieu of a portion of salary or wages. Such pension plans or tax deferred annuity benefits shall be available to those employees who elect to participate in said agreement and who agree to take a reduction in salary in the equivalent amount of the contribution required to be made by the public entity for and on behalf of such employee. The funds derived from such reductions in salary shall be deposited and accounted for in an appropriately designated account maintained by the public employer of such employee and any official authorized to disburse such funds is empowered to remit these designated funds to the insurer, custodian, or trustee in accordance with the salary reduction agreement between the public entity and the employee.

Coverage of an employee under a qualified pension plan or contract for a deferred annuity under this section shall not render such employee ineligible for simultaneous membership and participation in the pension systems for public employees which are provided for by chapters 41.26, 41.32 and 41.40 RCW.

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CHAPTER 20

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 90]

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURTS--FEES, SCHEDULE, DISPOSITION

AN ACT Relating to fees of clerks of the superior courts; providing