
HOUSE BILL 2284

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1 AN ACT Relating to counties; amending RCW 27.24.010, 27.24.020,
2 27.24.040, 27.24.062, 27.24.066, 27.24.067, and 27.24.070; and
3 repealing RCW 27.24.050, 27.24.060, 27.24.063, 27.24.064, and
4 27.24.065.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.24.010 and 1919 c 84 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 ((In)) Each county ((having)) with a population of ((three
9 hundred)) eight thousand or more ((there)) shall ((be)) have a county
10 law library, which shall be governed and maintained as hereinafter
11 provided.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.24.020 and 1919 c 84 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

1 ~~((There shall be in))~~ (1) Every ~~((such))~~ county with a population
2 of three hundred thousand or more must have a board of law library
3 trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The
4 chairman of the ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners shall be))~~
5 legislative authority is an ex officio ~~((a))~~ trustee, ~~((and))~~ the
6 judges of the superior court of the county shall choose two of their
7 number to be trustees, and the members of the county bar association
8 shall choose two members of the bar of the county to be trustees.

9 (2) Every county with a population of eight thousand or more but
10 less than three hundred thousand must have a board of law library
11 trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The
12 chairman of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee,
13 the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of
14 their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar
15 association shall choose three members of the county to be trustees.
16 If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county
17 shall choose three of their number to be trustees.

18 (3) If a county has a population of less than eight thousand, then
19 the provisions contained in RCW 27.24.068 shall apply to the
20 establishment and operation of the county law library.

21 (4) If a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062,
22 then it shall be governed by one board of trustees. The board shall
23 consist of the following representatives from each county: The judges
24 of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to
25 be a trustee, the county legislative authority shall choose one of
26 their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar
27 association shall choose one member of the bar of the county to be a
28 trustee. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of
29 the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee.

1 (5) The term of office of a member of the board who is a judge
2 (~~shall be~~) is for as long as he or she continues to be a judge, and
3 the term of a member who is from the bar (~~shall be~~) is four years.
4 Vacancies shall be filled as they occur and in the manner (~~above~~)
5 directed in this section. The office of trustee shall be without
6 salary or other compensation. The board shall elect one of their
7 number president and the librarian shall act as secretary, except that
8 in counties with a population of eight thousand or more but less than
9 three hundred thousand, the board shall elect one of their number to
10 act as secretary if no librarian is appointed. Meetings shall be held
11 at least (~~quarterly and as much oftener and~~) once per year, and if
12 more often, then at such times as may be prescribed by rule.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.24.040 and 1919 c 84 s 4 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The board of law library trustees shall, on or before the first
16 Monday in September of each year, make a report to the (~~board of~~)
17 county (~~commissioners~~) legislative authority of their county giving
18 the condition of their trust, with a full statement of all property
19 received and how used, the number of books and other publications on
20 hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the
21 preceding year, the number lost or missing, and such other information
22 as may be of public interest, together with a financial report showing
23 all receipts and disbursements of money.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 27.24.062 and 1991 c 363 s 18 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (~~In each county with a population of from eight thousand to less~~
27 ~~than one hundred twenty five thousand, there shall be a county law~~

1 library which shall be governed and maintained as hereinafter
2 provided.))

3 Two or more ((of such)) counties each with a population of from
4 eight thousand to less than one hundred twenty-five thousand may, by
5 agreement of the respective law library boards of trustees, create a
6 regional law library and establish and maintain one principal law
7 library at such location as the regional board of trustees may
8 determine will best suit the needs of the users: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
9 That there shall be at all times a law library in such size as the
10 board of trustees may determine necessary to be located at the
11 courthouse where each superior court is located.

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 27.24.066 and 1933 c 167 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 The ((board of)) county ((commissioners)) legislative authority of
15 each county ((to which this act is applicable,)) that is required to
16 maintain a county law library shall upon demand by the board of law
17 library trustees, provide a room suitable for the law library,
18 ((adequately heated, lighted)) with adequate heat, light, and janitor
19 service.

20 **Sec. 6.** RCW 27.24.067 and 1933 c 167 s 3 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The use of the county law library shall be free to the judges of
23 the state, to state and county officials, and to members of the bar,
24 and to such others as the board of trustees may by rule provide.
25 Residents of counties with a population of three hundred thousand or
26 more shall have free use of the law library.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 27.24.070 and 1985 c 389 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 In each county pursuant to this chapter, the county treasurer shall
4 deposit in the county or regional law library fund a sum equal to seven
5 dollars for every new probate or civil filing fee, including appeals,
6 collected by the clerk of the superior court and three dollars for
7 every fee collected for the commencement of a civil action in district
8 court for the support of the law library in that county or the regional
9 law library to which the county belongs: PROVIDED, That upon a showing
10 of need the seven dollar contribution may be increased up to ((nine))
11 fifteen dollars upon the request of the law library board of trustees
12 and with the approval of the county legislative body or bodies.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are
14 each repealed:

- 15 (1) RCW 27.24.050 and 1919 c 84 s 5;
- 16 (2) RCW 27.24.060 and 1919 c 84 s 6;
- 17 (3) RCW 27.24.063 and 1971 ex.s. c 141 s 2 & 1933 c 167 s 3;
- 18 (4) RCW 27.24.064 and 1933 c 167 s 3; and
- 19 (5) RCW 27.24.065 and 1933 c 167 s 3.