

Chapter 306-01 WAC
WASHINGTON STATE LAW REVISION COMMISSION

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WAC 306-01-010 Purpose and duties. The law revision commission is established pursuant to chapter 1.30 RCW. The purpose of the law revision commission is to: (1) Provide facilities and procedures to undertake the scholarly investigation of the law; (2) recommend to the legislature elimination of antiquated and inequitable rules of law and removal of other defects or anachronisms in the law; and (3) encourage the clarification and simplification of the law in Washington and to promote its better adaptation to modern conditions. The specific duties of the commission are set forth in RCW 1.30.040.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-010, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]

WAC 306-01-020 Membership. The law revision commission consists of thirteen members as follows:

(1) Two senators, ex officio, designated by the president of the senate, and not members of the same political party;

(2) Two representatives, ex officio, designated by the speaker of the house of representatives, and not members of the same political party;

(3) Three deans of accredited law schools of the state, ex officio, or their designees from members of their respective law faculties;

(4) Four lawyers admitted to practice in the state, designated by the board of governors of the Washington state bar association;

(5) Two nonlawyer members with a demonstrated interest in the work of the law revision commission, appointed by the governor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-020, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]

WAC 306-01-030 Officers. There shall be a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary of the law revision commission, each elected by majority vote of the members. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-030, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]

WAC 306-01-040 Meetings. (1) The law revision commission shall hold its regular meetings on the last Friday of March, of June, and of September, and the first Friday of December of each year. If at any

time any regular meeting falls on a holiday, such regular meeting shall be held on the next business day. The law revision commission may hold other meetings from time to time when called by the chair or when requested by five members of the commission.

(2) Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend meetings held by conference phone call may attend by appearing at any one of the locations where members of the commission convene for such conference phone call meeting. Any member of the public may learn of the locations of such conference phone call meeting places by contacting the secretary of the commission.

(4) Meetings of the commission shall be held in accordance with *Roberts' Rules of Order*, current revised edition, whenever requested by any member of the commission.

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WAC 306-01-050 Public records. (1) All public records of the law revision commission, including minutes, shall be available unless exempt from disclosure under chapters 41.17 or 42.30 RCW. Any member of the public may examine records of the commission by directing a request to the secretary. The secretary shall determine charges for copying commission records for a requesting member of the public, at a charge not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction.

(2) Copies of the minutes, reports, and certain other records of the law revision commission shall be on file at the University of Washington School of Law. Requests for examination of the materials located at the school of law may be addressed to the Dean, University of Washington School of Law, Condon Hall, Seattle, Washington, 98105, with a copy of such request to the secretary of the commission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-050, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]

WAC 306-01-060 Law revision commission research projects. (1) Any commissioner, state official, or any member of the public may suggest topics for study and recommendation by the commission by directing a request to the chair or the secretary.

(2) The commission may at its discretion choose topics for study and recommendation.

(3) The commission may refer topics for study to subcommittees composed of members. These subcommittees may consult with other organizations or individuals and report their findings to the commission.

(4) The commission will circulate final drafts of its reports and recommendations to any persons who have requested copies of such drafts in a specific subject area, before making recommendation to the legislature.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-060, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]

WAC 306-01-070 Reports to the legislature. The commission shall report on its proceedings annually to the legislature, on or before January 15 of each year, and, if the commission deems advisable, accompany its report with proposed legislation to carry out any of its recommendations. The law revision commission may transmit any other reports and recommended legislation to the legislature at any other time.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-070, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]

WAC 306-01-080 Coordination of commission activities. The commission shall confer and coordinate its activities with any committees of the legislature, the state bar association, the uniform law commission, the statute law committee, or the judicial council in a manner as the law revision commission finds will most efficiently accomplish its purposes and carry out its duties.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 1.30.050. WSR 92-15-018, § 306-01-080, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92.]