

Chapter 173

Statute Revision

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173.010 Duties of Statute Revision Council. The Statute Revision Council created by ORS 173.030 shall clarify, simplify, classify, arrange, coordinate, codify and revise the laws of this state now in force, including those enacted by the Forty-fifth Legislative Assembly, and prepare and have set in type for publication as much thereof as practicable and make a printed report of its progress to the Forty-sixth Legislative Assembly. In preparing editions of the statutes for publication and distribution, the Statute Revision Council shall not alter the sense, meaning or effect of any Act, but, within such limitations, may correct the grammar, punctuation, spelling and form thereof; employ standard nomenclatures; renumber sections and parts of sections of the Acts; rearrange sections, subsections and paragraphs; change reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters, sections or other parts; substitute the proper subsection, section or chapter or other division numbers; strike out figures which are merely a repetition of written words; change capitalization for the purpose of uniformity; correct manifest clerical or typographical errors and generally revise, coordinate, correlate, clarify and simplify the statutory law of this state.

173.020 Duties of Statute Reviser. The Statute Reviser mentioned in subsection (2) of ORS 173.030 shall at all times advise and assist members of the Legislative Assembly and the various departments and agencies of the state government in the preparation and revision of legislation and in all matters connected therewith. He shall report to the Legislative Assembly in respect to all bills introduced, calling attention to their effect on existing legislation and to any deficiencies in their substance or form or both, and shall, upon request, supply pertinent information relative thereto. The reviser and his assistants shall supply the services required by this section both during the sessions of the Legislative Assembly and during the interim periods between sessions.

173.030 Creation, organization and compensation of Statute Revision Council and its staff. (1) The Governor shall appoint a Statute Revision Council consisting of seven

members, four of whom shall be appointed from a list of eight names to be supplied the Governor by the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar. At least one of the members of the council shall be a member of the House of Representatives and at least one a member of the Senate. If any such legislative member of the council ceases to be a member of the Legislative Assembly, his position automatically becomes vacant. The term of office of each member of the council is four years. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, the Governor is empowered to fill such vacancy. Vacancies in positions of members nominated by the board of governors shall be filled by the Governor from a list submitted by the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar of two names for each such vacancy. The members of the council shall receive no salary but shall receive their reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with the performance of their duties.

(2) The council shall employ a Statute Reviser and assistants and other necessary help, none of whom shall be subject to the civil service or retirement laws of this state, and shall fix their salaries.

173.040 Office space, necessary working materials and office supplies for council. The Secretary of State, with the advice of the Statute Revision Council, shall supply the council with suitable office space convenient to the Supreme Court Library. He shall furnish all the necessary law books, printed reports, advance sheets, codes, session laws and copies of all bills introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate and such necessary supplies as the council directs.

173.050 Printing and binding of revised statutes. In any contract for the printing and binding of any editions of the statutes, provision shall be made for the preservation of the forms from which such editions have been printed so that the same may be available for reprint, which printing and all work in connection therewith, including binding, shall be done within this state, provided the price and quality of such work is comparable to that available elsewhere on the Pacific coast.

