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JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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483.01 CREATION. A judicial council is hereby created for the continuous study of the organization, rules and methods of procedure and practice of the judicial system of the state, and of all matters relating to the administration of said system and its several departments.

[1937 c. 467 s. 1] (251-1)

483.02 MEMBERSHIP. The judicial council shall consist of the chief justice of the supreme court, or some other justice or former justice, appointed from time to time by the chief justice for such service; two judges or former judges of the district court, to be designated, or who shall have been designated by the judges of the district court in annual meeting assembled; one judge or former judge of probate, similarly designated by the judges of probate; and seven other persons appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a judge of a municipal court, and not less than four of the others shall be attorneys at law of wide practical experience. Of the seven members first appointed by the governor, two shall be appointed for a period of one year, two for a period of two years, and three for a period of three years. All appointments made thereafter shall be for a term of three years and until their successors shall qualify, except that in the case of a vacancy the appointment shall be made to fill the unexpired term.

[1937 c. 467 s. 2] (251-2)

483.03 REPORT TO GOVERNOR. The judicial council shall make a biennial report on or before October 1, in each even numbered year, to the governor, upon the work of the various branches of the judicial system. It may also, from time to time, submit for the consideration of the several courts and judges, such suggestions in regard to rules of practice and in regard to procedure as it may deem advisable.

[1937 c. 467 s. 3; 1955 c. 847 s. 28] (251-3)

483.04 EXPENSES. No member of the judicial council shall receive any compensation for his services, but the judicial council shall be allowed, out of any appropriations made for the purpose, expenses for clerical and other services, and the members of the judicial council shall be allowed such expenses as the governor shall approve.

[1937 c. 467 s. 4] (251-4)