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Under the joint sponsorship of the Washington State Bar Association, the State Judicial Council, the Seattle Bar Association and the University of Washington Law School, arrangements are being made for a one-day legal institute to be held at the Law School in Seattle early in the year 1939.

The purpose of the institute will be to present for discussion by the bench and bar of the state the recent recommendations of the Section of Judicial Administration of the American Bar Association in so far as they are applicable to local conditions. Notably, the institute will concern itself with the recommendations for pre-trial procedure and for improvements in the Law of Evidence, although it is hoped that time will also permit the inclusion in the program of some of the other recommendations dealing with trial practice, selection of jurors, appellate practice and administrative agencies and tribunals. A special section of bankruptcy is under consideration.

At the recent meeting of the Washington State Bar Association, a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment by the Board of Governors of a Committee to consider the recommendation of the American Bar Committees, and this Committee, with representatives of the other agencies named, will shortly be in a position to announce the exact time for the holding of the institute and the detailed program thereof. This announcement will either be included in the January issue of the State Bar Journal or in a special communication to each of the members of the Washington State Bar Association.

The personnel of the State Committee is as follows: Judge John S. Robinson, Judge Walter S. Beals, Charles P. Moriarty, William D. Askren, Alfred J. Schweppe, L. R. Hamblen, Charles S. Albert, H. E. T. Herman, George Donworth, Judson F. Falknor, W. G. McLaren, S. Harold Shefelman, O. B. Thorgrimson and Paul Ashley, Chairman. Charles Horowitz is representing the Seattle Bar Association.—P. P. A.

Supreme Court Lengthens Day

Adding one hour to the length of its working day, the Washington Supreme Court, by order entered September 23, 1938, advanced the time of convening to 9:00 a. m. for all cases, including motions and applications for writs. This time will remain effective indefinitely and until otherwise ordered.