

CHAPTER 132.

[S. B. 309.]

RELATING TO LABOR ON STATE ROADS.

AN ACT relating to the construction of state roads.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The state highway board may in its discretion cause any state road to be constructed, either under contract as now provided by law or by force account. In case the construction is done by force account, the work thereon shall be done by convict labor to the extent that the same may be available and advantageously used, and such free labor may be employed as may be necessary to successfully carry on the work. If free labor is employed the state highway board shall by resolution entered on its records state the reasons therefor.

Work may be done by contract or day labor, free or convict.

(As to convict labor, see also ch. 114 *supra*.)

Resolution for free day labor.

SEC. 2. Whenever any money shall be appropriated for any state road or roads, and the state highway board shall have determined to construct the same by convict labor and free labor as aforesaid, the state highway board may in its discretion purchase road-making machinery to be used in such construction work. The board shall, prior to entering upon any such construction work determine what roads shall be improved by force account, and estimate the amount and cost of machinery that can be used in the construction of all of the roads, to the end that the machinery may be used on different roads. When the board has decided how much machinery can be so used, it may purchase the same and pay for it from the appropriation made for different roads, in proportion to the amount of use that will be made of it on each road.

Highway board may purchase machinery.

(See also ch. 114 *supra*.)

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