

capacity to contract and shall have all the rights, powers, privileges and obligations of a person of full age with respect thereto.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. Sections 9 through 16 are each added to chapter 235, Laws of 1945 and to Title 33 RCW.

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CHAPTER 108
 [Engrossed House Bill No. 510]
 MUNICIPAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

AN ACT Relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles and trailers; creating a municipal research council for the purpose of allocating revenues therefrom; amending section 82.44.160, chapter 15, Laws of 1961, as amended by section 1, chapter 115, Laws of 1961 and RCW 82.44.160; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 82.44.160, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 115, Laws of 1961, and RCW 82.44.160 are each amended to read as follows:

Before distributing moneys to the cities and towns from the motor vehicle excise fund, as provided in RCW 82.44.150, the state treasurer shall, on the first day of July of each year, make an annual deduction therefrom of a sum equal to one-half of the biennial appropriation made pursuant to this section, which amount shall be at least seven cents per capita of the population of all cities or towns as legally certified on that date, determined as provided in said section, which sum shall be apportioned and transmitted to ((the-University-of-Washington-for-use-by-its-bureau-of-governmental-research-and-services,-and)) the municipal research council, herein created. The municipal research council may contract with and allocate moneys to any state agency, educational institution, or private consulting firm, which in its judgment is qualified to carry on a municipal research and service program. Moneys may be utilized to match federal funds available for technical research and service programs to cities and

towns. Moneys allocated shall be used for studies and research in municipal government, publications, educational conferences, and attendance thereat, and in furnishing technical, consultative, and field services to cities and towns in problems relating to planning, public health, municipal sanitation, fire protection, law enforcement, postwar improvements, and public works, and in all matters relating to city and town government. The programs shall be carried on and all expenditures shall be made in cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the Association of Washington Cities by its ~~((executive-committee))~~ board of directors which is hereby recognized as their official agency or instrumentality.

Funds appropriated to the municipal research council shall be kept in the treasury in the motor vehicle excise fund, and shall be disbursed by warrant or check to contracting parties on invoices or vouchers certified by the chairman of the municipal research council or his designee. Payments to public agencies may be made in advance of actual work contracted for, in the discretion of the council.

Any moneys remaining unexpended or uncontracted for by the ~~((bureau))~~ municipal research council at the end of any fiscal biennium shall be returned to the motor vehicle excise fund and be paid to cities and towns under the provisions of RCW 82.44.150.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There shall be a state agency which shall be known as the municipal research council. The council shall be composed of twelve members. Two members shall be appointed by the president of the senate, one from each of the two major political parties; two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one from each of the two major political parties; one member shall be appointed by the governor, and the other seven members, who shall be city officials, shall be appointed by the board of directors of the Association of Washington Cities. Of the members appointed by the association, at least one shall be an official of a city having a population of twenty thousand or more; at least one shall be an official of a city having a population of one thousand five hundred to

twenty thousand; and at least one shall be an official of a town having a population of less than one thousand five hundred.

No members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives until the second Monday in January, 1971, and no members shall be appointed by the president of the senate until the second Monday in January, 1973. In the meantime the governor shall appoint two additional members, one from each of the two major political parties, and the municipal research council shall consist of ten members only during such interim period until January, 1971.

The terms of members shall be for two years and shall not be dependent upon continuance in legislative or city office. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments were made. The first members shall be appointed on or before July 31, 1969, and shall take office August 1, 1969. The terms of all members except legislative members shall commence on the first day of August in every odd-numbered year. The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall make their appointments on or before the third Monday in January in each odd-numbered year, and the terms of the members thus appointed shall commence on the third Monday of January in each odd-numbered year. The terms of the two interim members appointed by the governor shall expire on the third Monday of January in each odd-numbered year until January, 1973, when they shall not be renewed. Certificates of appointment of all members shall be filed in the offices of the association within ten days after the appointments are made. The initial meeting of the council shall be held on or before September 1, 1969, and shall be called by the member who is an official of a city having a population of at least twenty thousand who shall act as a temporary chairman. At such first meeting, the council shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman and appoint a secretary.

Council members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed from the municipal research account for travel expense and subsistence at rates provided by law for state officials generally:

PROVIDED, That members of the council who are also members of the legislature shall be reimbursed from such account at the rates provided by RCW 44.04.120. None of the funds derived herein from motor vehicle excise taxes shall be used for any other expenses of the council.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any amendment or provision of this 1969 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this act, or the application of the amendment or provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The effective date of this 1969 amendatory act is July 1, 1969.

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CHAPTER 109
[House Bill No. 536]
WORK RELEASE PRISONERS--HOUSING

AN ACT Relating to work release prisoners of state correctional institutions; and amending section 8, chapter 17, Laws of 1967 and RCW 72.65.080; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 8, chapter 17, Laws of 1967 and RCW 72.65.080 are each amended to read as follows:

The director may enter (~~in to~~) into contracts with the appropriate authorities for the payment of the cost of feeding and lodging and other expenses of housing work release participants. Such contracts may include any other terms and conditions as may be appropriate for the implementation of the work release program. In addition the director is authorized to acquire, by lease, appropriate facilities for the housing of work release participants and providing for their subsistence and supervision. Such work release participants placed in leased facilities shall be required to reimburse the department of institutions the per capita cost of subsistence and lodging in accordance with the provisions and in the priority established by RCW 72.65.050(2). The location of such