

of the state superintendent of public instruction or the board of directors shall be paid to them.

City charter controls act.

SEC. 16. If any provision of this act conflicts with any provision of a city charter, the city charter shall control.

Repeal.

SEC. 17. Section 32, chapter 184, Laws of 1915, as amended by section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1941 (heretofore divided and codified as RCW 35.24.040 and RCW 35.24.170) and RCW 35.24.040 and 35.24-.170 are each repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 18. Section 176, page 215, Laws of 1889-90, as amended by section 2, chapter 57, Laws of 1941, and RCW 35.27.150; and section 1, chapter 97, Laws of 1895, and RCW 36.32.190 are each repealed.

Passed the House March 9, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 269.

[H. B. 521.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—WORK RELIEF PROGRAMS.

AN ACT relating to public assistance and providing a work relief program; and adding six new sections to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and chapter 74.04 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

New sections.

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and chapter 74.04 RCW six new sections to read as set forth in sections 2 through 7 of this act.

Work relief program defined.

SEC. 2. The term work relief program shall be as defined for "work relief" in section 74.04.005(12) of chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.005(12).

SEC. 3. The state department of public assistance is empowered and directed to adopt such rules and regulations as will make a work relief program fair, efficient and workable.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. When the state or any agencies thereof, a county, city or political subdivision of the state has undertaken or is about to undertake, a program which is for the benefit of the general public or any segment thereof, said state, county, city or political subdivision may enter into an agreement with the state department of public assistance wherein and whereby the department of public assistance may assign unemployed employable people who are eligible for general assistance to do and perform work and labor on behalf of said state, county, city or political subdivision and such person shall work for such state, county, city or political subdivision for the length of time necessary and required to earn at the going hourly rate prevailing in the area for labor of like kind, an amount of money equal to the amount being paid to such person as general assistance to be paid in lieu of said general assistance.

Unemployed employables seeking, receiving general assistance may be assigned public labor.

SEC. 5. The applicant for or recipient of general assistance who has been directed to report for work to the state, county, city or political subdivision may be denied general assistance or may be suspended for such time as may be fixed by rules and regulations of the department of public assistance if such individual without good cause:

Grounds for denial, suspension of general assistance under program.

(1) Fails or refuses to satisfactorily perform the labor or services as may be assigned to him;

(2) Fails or refuses to report to work under a work relief program when and as directed by the state, county, city or political subdivision or by his foreman, overseer or other supervisor therein;

(3) Abandons or repeatedly absents himself from work;

(4) Is insubordinate to his foreman, overseer or other supervisor therein;

(5) Fails or refuses to take due precaution for the safety of himself or others or to use safety clothing or equipment made available to him; or

(6) Is guilty of misconduct connected with such work.

Work relief programs to be approved.

SEC. 6. All work relief programs, before an applicant or recipient of public assistance shall be assigned shall have met the approval of the state department of public assistance: *Provided*, That the state, county, city or political subdivision utilizing general assistance applicants or recipients for work and labor shall clear such employment with the department of labor and industries and if the work or labor comes under the supervision or is covered by the department of labor and industries, all fees and charges for such coverage shall be paid by such state, county, city or political subdivision except that portion which is paid for medical aid and is properly chargeable to such applicant or recipient of general assistance.

Tranportation, equipment and supervision to be provided laborers.

SEC. 7. The state, county, city or political subdivision utilizing general assistance applicants or recipients for work and labor shall furnish, where necessary, transportation, protective clothing and necessary tools and equipment for individuals performing such work or labor and shall take such measures as are necessary to insure that adequate supervision is provided on all work relief programs.

Severability.

SEC. 8. The several provisions of this act are hereby declared to be separate and severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or section.

SEC. 9. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency.
preservation of the public peace, health and safety,
the support of the state government and its existing
public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 28, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 270.

[H. B. 527.]

COUNTY TREASURER—FEES—REFUND COSTS.

AN ACT relating to local governmental units; providing for certain official fees; prescribing refund procedure; amending section 84.69.070, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.69.070; and adding a new section to chapter 36.29 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 36.29 RCW New section.
a new section to read as follows:

The county treasurer, in all instances where required by law to handle, collect, disburse and account for the funds collected pursuant to the assessment roll of any political subdivision within the county, may charge and collect a fee for his services according to but not to exceed the following schedule:

County treasurer may collect servicing fees on assessment rolls.

For up to a five year term assessment roll, a fee of two dollars per account;

For a six to ten year term assessment roll, a fee of three dollars per account;

For an eleven to fifteen year term assessment roll, a fee of four dollars per account;

For an assessment roll of over fifteen years, a fee of five dollars per account.

Such fees shall be a charge against the district, shall be included as a part of the cost of the improve-