

struction of public roads in the particular road districts to which the same is thus apportioned.

Interest
after due
date.

(e) Interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum shall be added to the tax hereby imposed after the due date. The tax shall constitute a debt to the State of Washington and may be collected as such.

"Distributes
to con-
sumers."

(f) As used herein, the term "distributes to consumers" shall mean the sale of electric energy to ultimate consumers thereof, and shall not include sales of electric energy for resale by the purchaser.

Saving
clause.

SEC. 2. If any section, sub-section, clause, sentence or phrase of this act be for any reason adjudged unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this act, and the legislature hereby declares that it would have enacted this act notwithstanding the omission of the portion so adjudicated invalid.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1947.

Passed the House March 4, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1947.

CHAPTER 260.

[H. B. 394.]

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

AN ACT relating to the care of homeless, dependent and neglected children, and providing for plans and the expenditure of funds therefor, amending section 6, chapter 114, Laws of 1937 as amended by section 6, chapter 242, Laws of 1941 (sec. 9992-106, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 919-11, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter 114, Laws of 1937 as amended by section 6, chapter 242, Laws of 1941 (sec. 9992-106, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 919-11, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. *Child Welfare Services.* The Department of Public Welfare, through and by means of the Division for Children, shall, within the policy hereinafter indicated, have the power to cooperate with the Federal government, its agencies or instrumentalities in developing, administering and supervising a plan for establishing, extending aid and strengthening services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent; to accept custody of children and to provide for the care of children in need of protective services, directly or through its agents, following, in general, the policy of using properly approved private agency services for the actual care and supervision of such children insofar as they are available, paying for long term care of such dependent children as are accepted by the Department as eligible for support at a reasonable rate established by the Department; to receive and expend all funds made available through the Department of Public Welfare by the Federal government, the state or its political subdivisions for such purposes.

Child
Welfare
Services.

Powers and
duties of De-
partment of
Public Wel-
fare, Division
for Children.

Passed the House March 9, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1947.