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According to the levy used in extending such tax and those amounts shall immediately become due and owing to the various state funds, to be paid to the State Treasurer in the same manner as taxes extended on the regular tax roll.

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CHAPTER 70.
[S. B. 353.]

PRIMAR\Y\ STATE HIGHWAYS.

An Act relating to public highways; authorizing in certain cases the improvement of state highways by day labor and amending section 1, chapter 132, Laws of 1943; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 132, Laws of 1943 (6400-41, Rem. Supp. 1943), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That section 41, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6400-41, Rem. Rev. Stat.), be amended to read as follows:

Section 41. The Director of Highways may, in his discretion, cause any primary state highway to be constructed, altered, repaired or improved by contract in the manner provided by law or by day labor. Any construction may be done by day labor in all cases where the estimated cost of such work is in a sum less than fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000). The Director of Highways shall by resolution entered upon his records determine when construction in any case shall be done by day labor, which resolution shall state the reason for such determination. In all other cases construction shall be let by con-
contract and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder in the manner provided by law. In the event that the Director of Highways considers bid proposals when received as too high, or for other reasons deems it inadvisable that said contract be awarded to any bidders, he may readvertise a new call for bids, or do the work by day labor, which decision shall be ordered by resolution to that effect entered upon the records of said Director of Highways, which resolution shall set out the amount of the bid proposals submitted with the names of the bidders and the fact that the Director of Highways has found that in his judgment the said work may be more satisfactorily done by day labor. In any such case where work is performed by day labor, the Director of Highways shall, upon the completion thereof, cause to be published in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the state, the original estimate of such work and the actual cost of the completion thereof by day labor: Provided, No publication shall be required for any work, the cost of which is less than twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500).

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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