general regulations prescribed by the state highway
commission. The state highway commission may set
minimum prices that will be accepted for any item
offered for sale at public auction as herein provided
and may prescribe terms or conditions of sale and,
in the event that any item shall be offered for sale at
such auction and for which no satisfactory bids shall
be received or for which the amount bid shall be
less than the minimum set by the commission, it shall
be lawful for the commission to sell such item at
private sale for the best price which it deems obtain-
able but at not less than the highest price bid at the
public auction. The proceeds of all sales under this
section shall be placed in the motor vehicle fund.

Passed the House February 9, 1953.
Passed the Senate February 19, 1953.
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CHAPTER 43.

APPLE ADVERTISING COMMISSION—ASSESSMENTS.
An Act relating to apples; providing the method of increasing
the assessments on apples payable to the Washington State
Apple Advertising Commission; and amending section
15.24.090, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.24.090, RCW, as derived
from section 13, chapter 195, Laws of 1937, is
amended to read as follows:

If it appears from the investigation that the reve-
 nue from the assessment levied hereunder is inade-
 quate to accomplish the purposes of this chapter the
commission shall file with the director a report
showing the necessities of the industry, extent and
probable cost of the required research, market pro-
motion and advertising, extent of public convenience, interest and necessity, and probable revenue from the assessment levied. It shall thereupon increase the assessment to a sum not to exceed twelve cents per one hundred pounds of apples, gross billing weight, shipped in bulk, container or any style of package; but no increase shall be made prior to filing of said report and findings. An increase shall become effective sixty days after such report is filed: Provided, That no increase in such assessment shall become effective unless the same shall be first referred by the commission to a referendum mail ballot by the apple growers of this state and be approved by a majority of such growers voting thereon: Provided further, That after such mail ballot, if the same be favorable to such increase, the commission shall nevertheless exercise its independent judgment and discretion as to whether or not to approve such increase: And provided further, That in any event such increase shall not amount to more than two cents per one hundred pounds of apples, gross billing weight, in any one year.

Passed the House February 10, 1953.
Passed the Senate February 20, 1953.
Approved by the Governor February 25, 1953.