Veto message, excerpt.


"This bill, which is sponsored by the Committee on Highways, completely revamps and reorganizes the Washington Toll Bridge Authority. It removes from the Toll Bridge Authority the State Auditor, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, and the Director of General Administration.

"The members removed are replaced by two members of the State Highway Commission designated by the Commission, and two members appointed by the Governor, leaving the Governor as a member of the Commission.

"Section 3 of this bill provides that one of the members appointed by the Governor shall reside east of the Cascades; the other one west thereof. It also provides that one member each, shall be selected from each of the major political parties. The section further provides that no elected state official or state officer shall be appointed by me to the Authority. The section further provides that members of the Authority can be removed only for specified grounds after a hearing in the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for Thurston County.

"It is my considered judgment that there is no need that one of the two members of this Authority to be appointed by me reside east of the Cascade Mountains. I expect that the Highway Commission will elect one of the members designated by the Commission to be a member whose residence is east of the Cascade Mountains. Secondly, it should be recognized that meetings of the membership of this Authority will be frequent. Members appointed from east of the Cascades may not attend the frequent meetings which will be called and which will take place at the State Capitol. The major function of the Authority deals with problems related to the State ferry system. In addition, most of the toll facilities will be located west of the Cascades. Therefore, reason demands that the majority of the members of this Authority should reside west of the Cascades. I also believe it would be unwise to categorically refuse membership on this Authority to elected or appointed State officials. By virtue of their residence, and their experience in governmental affairs, I would consider it a serious mistake to deprive ourselves of the services of a well trained and qualified individual who may be a State officer, from serving on the Authority.

"For the reasons indicated, section 3 of the bill is vetoed. The remainder of the bill is approved."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,
Governor.

CHAPTER 279.
[S. B. 383.]

QUALIFICATIONS OF LEGAL NEWSPAPER.

An Act relating to legal publications; and amending section 1, chapter 99, Laws of 1921, as amended by section 3, chapter 213, Laws of 1941, and RCW 65.16.020.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 99, Laws of 1921, as amended by section 3, chapter 213, Laws of 1941, and RCW 65.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:
The qualifications of a legal newspaper are that such newspaper shall have been published regularly, at least once a week, in the English language, as a newspaper of general circulation, in the city or town where the same is published at the time of application for approval, for at least six months prior to the date of such application; shall be compiled either in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; shall contain news of general interest as contrasted with news of interest primarily to an organization, group or class; and shall hold a second class mailing permit: Provided, That in case of the consolidation of two or more newspapers, such consolidated newspaper shall be considered as qualified if either or any of the papers so consolidated would be a qualified newspaper at the date of such legal publication, had not such consolidation taken place: Provided, That this section shall not disqualify as a legal newspaper any publication which, prior to the effective date of this amendatory act, was adjudged a legal newspaper, so long as it continues to meet the requirements under which it qualified.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1961.
Passed the House March 6, 1961.
Approved by the Governor March 21, 1961.