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sible, supplies shall be purchased in quantities for a period of at least three months, and not to exceed one year. Supplies generally used throughout the various departments shall be standardized insofar as possible.

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CHAPTER 114.
[ Senate Bill No. 219. ]

CITIES AND TOWNS—PUBLIC WORKS—PURCHASES—BIDS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; amending section 35.23.352, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35-23.352.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35.23.352, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.23.352 are each amended to read as follows:

Any city or town of the second, third or fourth class may construct any public work or improvement by contract or day labor without calling for bids therefor whenever the estimated cost of such work or improvement, including cost of materials, supplies and equipment will not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Whenever the cost of such public work or improvement, including materials, supplies and equipment, will exceed five thousand dollars, the same shall be done by contract. All such contracts shall be let at public bidding upon posting notice calling for sealed bids upon the work. Such notice thereof shall be posted in a public place in the city or town and by publication in the official newspaper
once each week for two consecutive weeks before the
date fixed for opening the bids. The notice shall gen-
erally state the nature of the work to be done that
plans and specifications therefor shall then be on file
in the city hall for public inspections, and require
that bids be sealed and filed with the council or com-
mission within the time specified therein. Each bid
shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in the
form of a cashier's check, postal money order, or
surety bond to the council or commission for a sum
of not less than five percent of the amount of the bid,
and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied
by such bid proposal deposit. If there is no official
newspaper the notice shall be published in a news-
paper published or of general circulation in the city
or town. The city council or commission of the city
or town shall let the contract to the lowest respon-
sible bidder or shall have power by resolution to re-
ject any or all bids and to make further calls for
bids in the same manner as the original call, or if in
its judgment the improvement or work, including the
purchase of supplies, material and equipment, can be
done by the city at less cost than the lowest bid sub-
mitted it may do so without making a further call for
bids or awarding any contract therefor and in such
case all such bid proposal deposits shall be returned
to the bidder; but if the contract is let then all bid
proposal deposits shall be returned to the bidders
except that of the successful bidder which shall be re-
tained until a contract is entered into and a bond to
perform the work furnished, with surety satisfactory
to the council or commission, in the full amount of
the contract price. If the bidder fails to enter into
the contract in accordance with his bid and furnish
such bond within ten days from the date at which
he is notified that he is the successful bidder, the
check or postal money order and the amount thereof
shall be forfeited to the council or commission or the
SECOND and third class cities, towns—Contracts, purchases—Advertising—Call for bids—Bid proposal deposit, forfeiture of—Exceptions.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1965.
Passed the House March 10, 1965.
Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 115.
[Senate Bill No. 220.]

CONVEYANCE OF LANDS IN WALLA WALLA COUNTY.

An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in Walla Walla county to Percy M. Aldrich and Arlene K. Aldrich, husband and wife.

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

Section 1. Upon the payment to the state of Washington of the sum of two thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars, which sum shall be deposited to the account of the state general fund