

one or both directions, and the commission further finds that prompt reconstruction, repair, or other work is needed to preserve or restore the highway for public travel the highway commission may authorize the department of highways to obtain at least three written bids for the work without publishing a call for bids and to award a contract forthwith to the lowest responsible bidder.

(2) Whenever the state highway commission finds it necessary to protect a highway facility from imminent damage or to perform temporary work to reopen a highway facility the highway commission may authorize the department of highways to contract for such emergency work on a negotiated basis not to exceed force account rates for a period not to exceed thirty working days.

(3) When the engineer's estimate of the cost of work authorized in either subsections (1) or (2) of this section is less than one hundred thousand dollars the director of highways may make findings as provided hereinabove and pursuant thereto the department of highways may award contracts as authorized by this section.

(4) Any person, firm, or corporation awarded a contract for work must be prequalified pursuant to RCW 47.28.070 and may be required to furnish a bid deposit or performance bond.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The contract authorized by the director of highways on January 27, 1971 for emergency work to clear Old Sammish Road adjacent to the damaged portion of Interstate 5 to establish drainage and protect Interstate 5 from further damage is hereby ratified and approved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall expire on June 30, 1971.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 29, 1971.

Passed the House February 1, 1971.

Approved by the Governor February 5, 1971.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State February 5, 1971.

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CHAPTER 5

[ House Bill No. 130 ]

STATE TREASURER--

CHECK CASHING

AN ACT Relating to state government; authorizing the state treasurer to cash certain checks for state officers and employees; and adding a new section to chapter 43.08 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state treasurer is hereby authorized, in his discretion and as a service to state officers and employees, to accept in exchange for cash such checks drawn or endorsed by such state officers and employees and presented to his office as meet each of the following conditions:

(1) The check must be drawn to the order of cash or bearer and be immediately payable by a drawee bank located within the state of Washington;

(2) The amount of the check shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars; and

(3) The drawer presenting the check to the treasurer must produce such identification as the treasurer may require.

In the event that any check cashed by the state treasurer under this section is dishonored by the drawee bank when presented for payment, the treasurer is authorized, after notice to the drawer or endorser of the dishonor, to withhold from the drawer's or endorser's next state salary warrant the full amount of the dishonored check.

Passed the House January 29, 1971.

Passed the Senate February 11, 1971.

Approved by the Governor February 19, 1971.

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CHAPTER 6

[House Bill No. 92]

GARNISHMENT--

CODE CORRECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to garnishment; amending section 28, chapter 264, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 61, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 7.33.280; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 28, chapter 264, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 61, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 7.33.280 are each amended to read as follows:

If the garnishee is an employer owing the defendant wages, salary, or other compensation for personal services, then for each week of such wages, salary or other compensation, the following