(2) The contributions of any department, division, or separate agency of the state government, and such county, municipal, or other political subdivisions as are covered by this chapter, shall be set by the state employees' insurance board, subject to the approval of the governor for availability of funds as specifically appropriated by the legislature for that purpose: PRO-VIDED, That provision for school district personnel shall not be made under this chapter: PROVIDED FURTHER, That insurance and health care contributions for ferry employees shall be governed by RCW 47.64.270.

(3) The trustee with the assistance of the department of personnel shall survey private industry and public employers in the state of Washington to determine the average employer contribution for group insurance programs under the jurisdiction of the state employees' insurance board. Such survey shall be conducted during each even-numbered year but may be conducted more frequently. The survey shall be reported to the board for its use in setting the amount of the recommended employer contribution to the employee insurance benefit program covered by this chapter. The board shall transmit a recommendation for the amount of the employer contribution to the governor and the director of financial management for inclusion in the proposed budgets submitted to the legislature.

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CHAPTER 123

[House Bill No. 68] IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTION POLLING PLACES

AN ACT Relating to irrigation district elections; and amending RCW 87.03.085.

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

Sec. 1. Section 5, page 674, Laws of 1889–90 as amended by section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1984 and RCW 87.03.085 are each amended to read as follows:

Fifteen days before any election held under this chapter, subsequent to the organization of any district, the secretary of the board of directors shall cause notices to be posted in three public places in each election precinct, of the time and place of holding the election((, and)). The secretary shall also post a general notice of the same in the office of the board, which shall be established and kept at some fixed place to be determined by the board, specifying the polling places of each precinct. Prior to the time for posting the notices, the board must appoint for each precinct, from the electors thereof, one inspector and two judges, who shall constitute a board of election for the precinct. If the board fails to appoint a board of election, or the members appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the morning of election, the electors of the precinct present at that hour may appoint the board, or supply the place of an absent member thereof. The board of directors must, in its order appointing the board of election, designate the house or place within the precinct where the election must be held. However, in any irrigation district that is less than two hundred thousand acres in size and is divided into director divisions, the board of directors in its discretion may designate one polling place within the district to serve more than one election precinct. The board of directors of any irrigation district may designate the principal business office of the district as a polling place to serve one or more election precincts and may do so regardless of whether the business office is located within or outside of the boundaries of the district. If the board of directors does designate a single polling place for more than one election precinct, then the election officials appointed by the board of directors may serve more than one election precinct and the election officials may be electors of any of the election precincts for which they are the election board.

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CHAPTER 124

[House Bill No. 75] IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—DESIGNATION OF A STATE-WIDE PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION—DUES OR ASSESSMENT PROVISIONS REVISED

AN ACT Relating to irrigation districts; and amending RCW 87.76.020 and 87.76.040.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 193, Laws of 1947 and RCW 87.76.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The directors of such irrigation districts may designate a ((State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts)) state-wide association dedicated to the promotion of irrigated agriculture as a coordinating agency in the execution of the duties imposed by this chapter, and ((reimburse)) pay dues or assessments, or both, to the association from district expense funds ((in the annual district budgets for the costs of the services rendered)), and the several districts may levy assessments against the lands therein for this purpose. Such ((reimbursement)) dues and assessments shall be paid only on vouchers approved by the board of directors of the contributing district in the manner provided for the approval of district vouchers generally((, and submitted to the proper county auditor for issuance of warrants thereon: The vouchers shall set forth the nature of the claim involved and shall be