

in accordance with bid. If said bidder fails to enter into said contract in accordance with said bid and furnish such bond within ten days from the date at which he is notified that he is the successful bidder, the said check, cash or bid bonds and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the sewer district.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 72.

[House Bill No. 372.]

WATER DISTRICT CONTRACTS.

AN ACT relating to water district contracts; authorizing the use of bid bonds; and amending section 21, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as amended by section 2, chapter 216, Laws of 1947 and RCW 57.08.050.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as amended by section 2, chapter 216, Laws of 1947 and RCW 57.08.050 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 57.08.050 amended.

The board of water commissioners shall have authority to create and fill such positions and fix salaries and bonds thereof as it may by resolution provide. All materials purchased and work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars shall be let by contract; but before awarding any such contract the board of water commissioners shall cause to be published in some newspaper in general circulation throughout the county where the district is located at least once ten days before the letting of such contract, inviting sealed proposals for such work, plans and specifications

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which must at the time of publication of such notice be on file in the office of the board of water commissioners subject to public inspection. Such notice shall state generally the work to be done and shall call for proposals for doing the same to be sealed and filed with the board of water commissioners on or before the day and hour named therein. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or postal money order payable to the order of the county treasurer for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, or accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent of the bid with a corporate surety licensed to do business in the state, conditioned that the bidder will pay the district as liquidated damages the amount specified in the bond, unless he enters into a contract in accordance with his bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such check, cash or bid bond. At the time and place named such bids shall be publicly opened and read and the board of water commissioners shall proceed to canvass the bids and may let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder upon plans and specifications on file or to the best bidder submitting his own plans and specifications: *Provided*, That no contract shall be let in excess of the cost of said materials or work, or if in the opinion of the board of water commissioners all bids are unsatisfactory they may reject all of them and readvertise and in such case all checks, cash or bid bonds shall be returned to the bidders; but if such contract be let, then and in such case all checks, cash or bid bonds shall be returned to the bidders, except that of the successful bidder, which shall be retained until a contract shall be entered into for the purchase of such materials or doing such work, and a bond to perform such work furnished with sureties satisfactory to the board of water commissioners in the full amount of the contract price between the

bidder and the commission in accordance with the bid. If said bidder fails to enter into said contract in accordance with said bid and furnish such bond within ten days from the date at which he is notified that he is the successful bidder, the said check, cash or bid bonds and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the water district: *Provided*, That if the bidder fails to enter into a contract in accordance with his bid, and the board of water commissioners deems it necessary to take legal action to collect on any bid bond required herein, then, in such event, the water district shall be entitled to collect from said bidder any legal expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees occasioned thereby.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 73.

[House Bill No. 474.]

STATE INSTITUTIONS—USE OF MARGARINE, BUTTER AND MILK SUBSTITUTES.

AN ACT relating to dairies and dairy products; permitting the use of margarine in state institutions; and amending section 15.32.370, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.32-.370, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.32.370, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.32.370 are each amended to read as follows:

No margarine, substitute butter, renovated butter, or any other substance designed as an imitation of or substitute for butter or any condensed milk from which the butter fat has been removed and a

RCW 15.32.370
amended.

Butter, milk
substitutes—
Use in state
institutions
prohibited—
Exception.