

The principal and interest of such general bonds shall be paid ((from the revenues of such public hospital district after deducting costs of maintenance, operation, and expenses of the public hospital district, and any deficit in the payment of principal and interest of said general bonds shall be paid)) by levying each year a tax upon the taxable property within the district sufficient, together with other revenues of the district available for such purpose, to pay said interest and principal of said bonds, which tax shall be due and collectible as any other tax. Said bonds shall be sold in such manner as the commission shall deem for the best interests of the district. All bonds and warrants issued under the authority of this chapter shall be legal securities, which may be used by any bank or trust company for deposit with the state treasurer, or any county or city treasurer, as security for deposits, in lieu of a surety bond, under any law relating to deposits of public moneys.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including RCW 70.44.040, whenever the boundary line between contiguous hospital districts bisects an irrigation block unit placing part of the unit in one hospital district and the balance thereof in another such district, the county auditor, upon his approval of a request therefor after public hearing thereon, shall change the hospital district boundary lines so that the entire farm unit of the person so requesting shall be wholly in one of such hospital districts and give notice thereof to those hospital district and county officials as he shall deem appropriate therefor.

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CHAPTER 219

[Engrossed House Bill No. 841]

PUBLIC BUILDINGS--

FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

AN ACT Relating to public health and safety; requiring that provision be made for handicapped persons in public accommodations; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the intent of the legislature that hereafter, and notwithstanding any existing law to the contrary, every plan and specification for the erection of any public accommodation shall make provision for the following:

(1) Access into and within said building to accomodate the aging, as well as physically handicapped persons;

(2) Toilet facilities designed for use by the physically handicapped: and

(3) Any additional facilities specified in the latest edition of "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the Physically Handicapped".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The standards and specifications set forth in this act shall apply to all buildings, structures and improved areas used primarily as a public accommodation by the general public, which are constructed, remodeled or rehabilitated by the use of private funds. For the purpose of this act a "public accommodation" shall mean a building, structure or improved area which is used primarily by the general public as a place of gathering or amusement including, but not limited to, theatres, restaurants, hotels, and stadiums. All such buildings and facilities constructed in this state after the effective date of this act shall conform to the standards and specifications prescribed herein, excepting in the case of those buildings or facilities for which contracts for the planning or design have been awarded prior to the effective date, and unless the administrative authority determines, after considering all circumstances applying to the building, structure, or improved area that full compliance is impracticable. This act shall apply to temporary or emergency construction as well as permanent buildings.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The minimum standards and specifications required by this act shall be those set forth in the booklet entitled "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the Physically Handicapped" (U.S. Patent A117.1-1961), approved October 31, 1961, by the American Standards Association, Incorporated, or in the latest published edition of such booklet: PROVIDED, That in no event shall any standard be required which would exceed the standards for publicly funded buildings.

(2) In cases of practical difficulty, unnecessary hardship or extreme differences, the administrative authorities responsible for the enforcement of this act may grant exceptions from the literal requirements of the standard specifications set forth in this act to permit the use of other methods or materials, but only when it is clearly evident that equivalent facilitation and protection is thereby secured: PROVIDED, That this act shall not limit the authority or power of any county, city, town or other political subdivision of the state to enact and enforce under power and authority given by law, any ordinance, rule or regulation requiring equal, higher, or better standards and specifications than those required by this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) Existing buildings, structures and/or improved areas undergoing major remodeling or rehabilitation, after the effective date of this act, shall meet the requirements of this act except where the administrative authority determines that full compliance is impracticable. However, those buildings and facilities for which contracts for the planning or design have been awarded prior to the effective date of this act shall not be required to meet the requirements of this act.

(2) The standards and specifications shall be applicable only to those portions or parts of the building being remodeled or rehabilitated.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The responsibility for enforcement of this act shall lie with the building department of each county, city, town, or political subdivision of the state.

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CHAPTER 220

[Engrossed House Bill No. 813]

PREQUALIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS  
DOING BUSINESS WITH ELECTRICAL UTILITIES

AN ACT Relating to municipal corporations; requiring the prequalification of electrical contractors doing business with electrical utilities; amending section 3, chapter 124, Laws of 1955 and RCW 54.04.080; adding a new section to chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 35.92 RCW; amending section 2, chapter 124, Laws of 1955 and RCW 54.04.070; and adding a new section to chapter 54.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 35.92 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any city or town owning an electrical utility shall require that bid proposals upon any electrical construction or improvement shall be made upon contract proposal form supplied by the governing authority of such utility, and in no other manner. The governing authority shall, before furnishing any person, firm or corporation desiring to bid upon any electrical work with a contract proposal form, require from such person, firm or corporation, answers to questions contained in a standard form of questionnaire and financial statement, including a complete statement of the financial ability