

of a shipyard architect designing for a construction bid to be submitted by the shipyard. The professional naval architect employed by the purchaser should design for his client the most suitable vessel possible giving consideration to construction costs and suitability for intended service and performance. The shipyard architect often has the objective of designing vessels which can be built for the lowest estimated proposal price.

My veto does not prevent design competition as called for by the Senate amendment, but the veto will leave the Highway Department free to determine whether and to what extent design competition is appropriate. Designing and purchasing vessels is properly a function of the Highway Department in cooperation with the Toll Bridge Authority.

The citizens of the State of Washington are best served if the legislature establishes the broad policy and enacts the laws which the executive branches of government are then responsible for administering and enforcing. I do not criticize the interest of the members of the Joint Committee in obtaining the best design for the new vessels to be added to the Washington State Ferry fleet. However, this function has been properly assigned to the Highway Department and the Toll Bridge Authority.

It is the separation of powers among the legislative, executive and judicial branches that fosters the most effective government.

The remainder of House Bill No. 304 is approved."

CHAPTER 86  
[Engrossed House Bill No. 13]  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS--REIMBURSEMENT FACTOR--  
DEPOPULATED DISTRICTS, DISSOLUTION AND ANNEXATION

AN ACT Relating to education; amending section 18, chapter 266, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 58, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28.57.200; amending section 28A.57.200, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 130, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.200; suspending a proviso; declaring an emergency; making certain effective dates; and providing for the expiration of a section hereof.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. That portion of the proviso con-

tained in chapter 282, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (pages 2718, 2719, Pamphlet Edition, Statute Law Committee, Volume 8) dealing with the reimbursement factor for school districts of certain descriptions reading as follows:

"For school districts judged remote and necessary by the state board of education and enrolling fewer than 250 students in grades 9-12 and for nonhigh districts judged remote and necessary by the state board of education and for schools by the state board of education within a district and which enroll fewer than 100 students:" is hereby suspended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. During the current fiscal period ending June 30, 1971 the reimbursement factor applicable to school districts enrolling fewer than 250 students in grades 9-12 and for nonhigh districts which are judged remote and necessary by the state board of education and which enroll fewer than 100 students shall be in accordance with the weighting factor submitted by the superintendent of public instruction to the 40th legislature.

Sec. 3. Section 18, chapter 266, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 58, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28.57.200 are each amended to read as follows:

In case any school district shall have an average daily attendance of fewer than ((five)) two pupils or shall not have maintained, during the last preceding school year at least the minimum terms of school required by law, the intermediate school district superintendent shall report said fact to the county committee, which committee shall ((give-consideration-to-the-question-of-the-dissolution-of)) dissolve the school district and ((the-annexation-of)) annex the territory thereof to some other district or districts. In case any territory is not a part of any school district, the intermediate school district superintendent shall present to the county committee a proposal for the annexation of said territory to some contiguous district or districts.

Sec. 4. Section 28A.57.200, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 130, chapter 176, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.200 are each amended to read as follows:

In case any school district shall have an average enrollment of fewer than ~~((five))~~ two pupils or shall not have maintained, during the preceding school year at least the minimum term of school required by law, the intermediate school district superintendent shall report said fact to the county committee, which committee shall ~~((give consideration-to-the-question-of-the-dissolution-of))~~ dissolve the school district and ~~((the-annexation-of))~~ annex the territory thereof to some other district or districts. In case any territory is not a part of any school district, the intermediate school district superintendent shall present to the county committee a proposal for the annexation of said territory to some contiguous district or districts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 1970 amendatory act, section 3 of this 1970 amendatory act shall only be effective until chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. becomes effective, at which time section 3 hereof shall be void and of no effect and section 4 hereof shall become effective.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This 1970 amendatory 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. If any provision of this 1970 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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