

SEC. 3. Any person who shall ask for or request the use of a party line on pretext that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency in fact exists, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty;
request
for line on
pretext of
emergency.

SEC. 4. After the ninetieth day following the effective date of this act, every telephone directory thereafter distributed to the members of the general public shall contain a notice which explains this law, such notice to be printed in type which is no smaller than any other type on the same page and to be preceded by the word "warning": *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to those directories distributed solely for business advertising purposes, commonly known as classified directories.

Telephone
directory;
notice.

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CHAPTER 26.

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CITIES AND TOWNS—LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

AN ACT relating to local improvements by cities and towns and amending section 35.43.130, RCW, as derived from chapter 98, Laws of 1911, as amended, and section 35.43.160, RCW, as derived from chapter 209, Laws of 1927, as amended.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35.43.130, RCW, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Upon the filing of a petition or upon the adoption of a resolution, as the case may be, initiating a proceeding for the formation of a local improvement district, the proper board, officer, or authority designated by charter or ordinance to make the preliminary estimates and assessment roll shall cause an estimate to be made of the cost and expense of the

Formation;
preliminary
estimates and
assessment
roll.

proposed improvement and certify it to the legislative authority of the city or town together with all papers and information in its possession touching the proposed improvement, a description of the boundaries of the district, a statement of what portion of the cost and expense of the improvement should be borne by the property within the proposed district, a statement in detail of the local improvement assessments outstanding and unpaid against the property in the proposed district, and a statement of the aggregate actual valuation of the real estate including twenty-five percent of the actual valuation of the improvements in the proposed district according to the valuation last placed upon it for the purposes of general taxation.

Same;
petition
proceedings.

If the proceedings were initiated by petition the designated board, officer or authority shall also determine the sufficiency of the petition and whether the facts set forth therein are true. If the petition is found to be sufficient and in all proceedings initiated by resolution of the legislative authority of the city or town, the estimates must be accompanied by a diagram showing thereon the lots, tracts, and parcels of land and other property which will be specially benefited by the proposed improvement and the estimated amount of the cost and expense thereof to be borne by each lot, tract, or parcel of land or other property.

Same;
valuation of
unassessed
public
property.

For the purpose of estimating and levying local improvement assessments, the value of property of the United States, of the state, or of any county, city, town, school district, or other public corporation whose property is not assessed for general taxes shall be computed according to the standards afforded by similarly situated property which is assessed for general taxes.

SEC. 2. Section 35.43.160, RCW, as derived from chapter 209, Laws of 1927, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

No city or town shall proceed with a local improvement initiated by petition if it appears from the preliminary estimates and assessment roll that the amount of the estimated cost and expense thereof which is to be assessed against the property in the proposed district when added to all other outstanding local improvement assessments against the property in the proposed district (excluding penalties and interest and excluding assessments for diking, drainage, sanitary fill or for filling any street to the established grade over any tideflats or tidelands or for storm or sanitary sewers or watermains) exceeds the aggregate actual valuation of the real estate (including twenty-five percent of the actual valuation of the improvements thereon) within the district according to the valuation last placed upon it for the purposes of general taxation, unless the proceeding was initiated by a petition signed by the owners of seventy-five percent of the lineal frontage upon the improvement and seventy-five percent of the area within the proposed district and the petition requests that the limitation be exceeded and the petitioners or someone in their behalf deposits with the city or town a sum of money equal to the amount by which the estimated cost of the improvement exceeds the limit herein fixed. Formation;
petition
procedure;
effect of
outstanding
assessments.

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