

CHAPTER 224.

[S. B. 444.]

SCHOOL DISTRICTS—BIDS FOR SUPPLIES, WORK, ETC.

AN ACT relating to education; adding a new section to chapter 97, Laws of 1909 and to chapter 28.58 RCW; and repealing section 15, page 293, Laws of 1909, section 1, chapter 82, Laws of 1947, and RCW 28.62.170.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 97, Laws of 1909 and to chapter 28.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

District work or purchases, when bids necessary —Procedure.

When, in the opinion of the board of directors of any school district, the cost of any furniture, supplies, equipment, building, improvements or repairs, or other work or purchases will equal or exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, complete plans and specifications for such work or purchases shall be prepared and notice by publication given in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the district, once each week for two consecutive weeks, of the intention to receive bids therefor and that specifications and other information may be examined at the office of the board: *Provided*, That the board may without giving such notice make improvements or repairs to the property of the district through the shop and repair department of such district when the total of such improvements or repair do not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars. The bids shall be in writing and shall be opened and read in public on the date and in the place named in the notice and after being opened shall be filed for public inspection. The contract for the work or purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as defined in RCW 43.19.1911. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause. On any work or purchase of more than five hundred dollars, the board shall provide bidding

information to any qualified bidder or his agent, requesting it in person, and if more than one supplier is available, it shall seek competitive bidding in such manner as it deems in the best interests of the district.

In the event of any emergency when the public interest or property of the district would suffer material injury or damage by delay, upon resolution of the board declaring the existence of such an emergency and reciting the facts constituting the same, the board may waive the requirements of this section with reference to any purchase or contract: *Provided*, That an "emergency", for the purposes of this section, means a condition likely to result in immediate physical injury to persons or to property of the school district in the absence of prompt remedial action.

Emergency purchases, waiver.

SEC. 2. Section 15, page 293, Laws of 1909, section 1, chapter 82, Laws of 1947, and RCW 28.62.170 are each repealed.

Repeal.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1961.

Passed the House March 9, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 225.

[S. B. 458.]

ELECTIONS—CHALLENGING RIGHT TO VOTE.

AN ACT relating to elections; amending section 4, chapter 77, Laws of 1947 and RCW 29.59.040; and amending section 9, chapter 181, Laws of 1955 and RCW 29.59.070.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 77, Laws of 1947 and RCW 29.59.040 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.59.040 amended.

Whenever the right to vote of any person presenting himself as a voter at any polling place for any election has been challenged and the officers conducting the election at such polling place have

Procedure upon challenge of right to vote—Census of challenged vote.