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he is unable to register or record his vote upon the machine, (1) he may designate his spouse or any near relative who is also a registered voter to enter the voting machine booth with him and mark his ballot, or (2) two election officers who must be of opposite political parties in case of partisan elections or primaries, shall enter the voting machine booth with him and register his vote for such candidates and for or against such measures as he may designate.

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CHAPTER 102.

[House Bill No. 277.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—FUNERALS.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; amending section 74.08.120, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.08.120.

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

RCW 74.08.120
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 74.08.120, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.08.120 are each amended to read as follows:

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The term "funeral" shall mean the proper preparation and care of the remains of a deceased person with needed facilities and appropriate memorial services, including necessary costs of a lot or cremation and all services related to interment and the customary memorial marking of a grave.

The department is hereby authorized through the county offices to assume responsibility for the funeral of deceased persons dying without assets sufficient to pay for the minimum standard funeral herein provided: *Provided, however,* That the direc-

tor may furnish funeral assistance in other cases if the assets are left to a surviving spouse and/or to minor children and if the assets are resources permitted to be owned by or available to an eligible applicant or recipient under RCW 74.04.005, and the department shall thereby have a lien against said assets valid for six years from the date of filing with the county clerk and county auditor and such lien claim shall have preference to all other claims except prior secured creditors. If the assets remain exempt, or if no probate is commenced, the lien shall automatically terminate without further action six years after filing.

The department shall not pay more than cost for a minimum standard service rendered by each vendor. Payments to the funeral director and to the cemetery or crematorium will be made by separate vouchers. The standard of such services and the uniform amounts to be paid shall be determined by the department after giving due consideration to such advice and counsel as it shall obtain from the trade associations of the various vendors and related state departments, agencies and commissions. The payments made by the department shall not be subject to supplementation by the relatives or friends of recipients. Whenever relatives or friends provide for other than the minimum standard service authorized, the state shall not participate in the payment of any part of the cost.

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