

local improvement district, the city or town (~~(awarding-said-contract)~~) shall cause to be filed with the officer authorized by law to collect the assessments for such improvement, the title of the improvement and district number and a copy of the diagram or print showing the boundaries of the district and preliminary assessment roll or abstract of same showing thereon the lots, tracts and parcels of land that will be (~~(especially)~~) specially benefited thereby and the estimated cost and expense of such improvement to be borne by each lot, tract, or parcel of land. Such officer shall immediately post the proposed assessment roll upon his index of local improvement assessments against the properties affected by the local improvement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. The following sections are hereby repealed:

(1) Section 35.43.090, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.43-.090.

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CHAPTER 259
[Engrossed House Bill No. 382]
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, FUNERAL EXPENSES--
PARTICIPATING MORTUARY--MORTICIANS OR
EMPLOYEES DISQUALIFIED AS CORONER

AN ACT Relating to public assistance; and amending section 74.08.120, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 (ESB NO. 228) ex. sess., and RCW 74.08.120; and adding a section to Chapter 36.24 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 74.08.120, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (ESB No. 228) and RCW 74.08.120 are each amended to read as follows:

The term "funeral" shall mean the proper preparation and care of the remains of a deceased person with needed facilities and appro-

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 director may furnish funeral assistance (~~((in other cases if the assets are left))~~) for deceased recipients if they leave assets 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 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. If the deceased person is survived by a spouse or is a minor child survived by his parent or parents, the department may take into consideration the assets of such surviving spouse, parent, or parents in determining whether or not the department will assume responsibility for the funeral.

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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to Chapter 36.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever anyone shall die within a county without making prior plans for the disposition of his body and there is no other person willing to provide for the disposition of the body, the county coroner shall cause such body to be entrusted to a funeral home in the county where the body is found. Disposition shall be on a rotation basis, which shall treat equally all funeral homes or mortuaries desiring to participate, such rotation to be established by the coroner after consultation with representatives of the funeral homes or mortuaries in the county or counties involved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In class AA, class A, first, second and third class counties no person shall be qualified for the office of county coroner as provided for in RCW 36.16.030 who is an owner or employee of any funeral home or mortuary.

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CHAPTER 260
[House Bill No. 585]
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

AN ACT Relating to the legislature; creating a joint committee on nuclear energy; providing for the selection, term, and reimbursement of certain expenditures of the members of the committee, and conferring rights, powers, duties; and prescribing the functions of the committee.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is hereby created the joint committee on nuclear energy of the legislature of the state of Washington.