

Washington or Washington State University, who have reached age sixty-five or are disabled from further service as of the effective date of this act, who at the time of retirement or disability were not eligible for federal old age, survivors, or disability benefit payments (Social Security), and who are receiving retirement income on July 1, 1970 pursuant to RCW 28B.10.400, shall, upon application approved by the board of regents of the institution retired from, receive an additional pension of three dollars per month for each year of full time service at such institution, including military leave. For periods of service that are less than full time service, the monthly rate of the pension shall be prorated accordingly to include such periods of service.

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CHAPTER 77

[Engrossed House Bill No. 357]

"WHITE CANE LAW"--

BLIND PEDESTRIANS--

DRIVER'S STANDARD OF CARE

AN ACT Relating to the public health and safety; amending section 4, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.040.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The driver of a vehicle approaching a totally or partially blind pedestrian who is carrying a cane predominantly white in color (with or without a red tip) or using a guide dog shall take all necessary precautions to avoid injury to such blind pedestrian. Any driver who fails to take such precaution shall be liable in damages for any injury caused such pedestrian. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive into or upon any crosswalk while there is on such crosswalk, any pedestrian wholly or partially blind, crossing or attempting to cross the roadway, if such pedestrian indicates his intention to cross or of continuing on, with a timely warning by holding up or waving a white cane, or using a guide dog. The failure of any such pedestrian so to signal shall not deprive him of the right of way accorded him by other laws.

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CHAPTER 78

[House Bill No. 397]

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE--
CONTRACT AWARDS BY DISTRICT ENGINEERS

AN ACT Relating to state highways; and amending section 47.28.030, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 180, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.28.030.

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

Section 1. Section 47.28.030, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 180, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.28.030 are each amended to read as follows:

A state highway shall be constructed, altered, repaired, or improved by contract or day labor. The work may be done by day labor when the estimated cost thereof is less than fifteen thousand dollars: PROVIDED, When delay of performance of such work would jeopardize a state highway or constitute a danger to the traveling public, the work may be done by day labor when the estimated cost thereof is less than twenty-five thousand dollars. When the state highway commission determines to do the work by day labor, it shall enter a resolution upon its records to that effect, stating the reasons therefor. The state highway commission may authorize any district engineer of the department of highways to publish calls for bids and award contracts for work not exceeding a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. All such awards shall follow the same procedures as are prescribed for other highway commission contracts except as provided in this section.

Whenever the work to be performed is repair or maintenance of an existing highway, surveying, test drilling, or other exploratory engineering on an existing or proposed highway and the engineer's estimate indicates the cost of the work would not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, and delay of performance thereof would jeopardize a state highway or inconvenience the traveling public, the state highway commission may negotiate without a call for bids a contract for the furnishing of any equipment with operator and/or materials and supplies required for performance of the work, and in such instances the contractor furnishing such equipment, and/or materials and supplies need not be prequalified pursuant to RCW 47.28.070 nor furnish a bid deposit or performance bond.