

CHAPTER 44.

[H. B. No. 90.]

PUBLIC WORK TO BE PERFORMED IN WORKING DAYS, OF EIGHT HOURS EACH.

AN ACT declaring it to be a part of the public policy of the State of Washington that all public work for it, or any political subdivision created by its laws, shall be performed in work days of not more than eight hours each, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, with provision for carrying out such policy.

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

SECTION 1. That it is a part of the public policy of the State of Washington that all work "by contract or day labor done" for it, or any political subdivision created by its laws, shall be performed in work days of not more than eight hours each, except in cases of extraordinary emergency. No case of extraordinary emergency shall be construed to exist in any case where other labor can be found to take the place of labor which has already been employed for eight hours in any calendar day.

SEC. 2. All contracts for work for the State of Washington, or any political subdivision created by its laws, shall provide that they may be cancelled by the officers or agents authorized to contract for or supervise the execution of such work, in case such work is not performed in accordance with the policy of the state relating to such work.

SEC. 3. It is made the duty of all officers or agents authorized to contract for work to be done in behalf of the State of Washington, or any political subdivision created under its laws, to stipulate in all contracts as provided for in this act, and all such officers and agents, and all officers and agents entrusted with the supervision of work performed under such contracts, are authorized, and it is made their duty, to declare any contract canceled, the execution of which is not in accordance with the public policy of this state as herein declared.

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