

SEC. 3. Section 2.32.230, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 24, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

An official court reporter may be appointed to serve two or more judicial districts, each of which has a total population under twenty-five thousand, if the judges thereof so agree, and the salary of such official reporter shall be determined by the total population of all the judicial districts so served in accordance with the schedule of salaries in section 2.32.210, and shall be apportioned between the several counties of the districts as therein provided. Such reporter, if appointed, must be qualified to serve, under section 2.32.180.

Two or more judicial districts, each having population under 25,000.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 42-3b.]

[R.C.W. 2.32.210 appears as sec. 1, *supra*.]

[R.C.W. 2.32.180; see note to sec. 2, *supra*.]

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## CHAPTER 211.

[ S. B. 93. ]

### SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH CLASS CITIES AND TOWNS—CALLS FOR BIDS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; providing for construction of public improvements and works, purchase of supplies, material, equipment and services and for contracts for printing of notices and newspaper publications in second, third and fourth class cities and towns; and repealing sections 35.24.270, 35.24.280, 35.27.360, 35.23.350, and 35.23.360, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Any city or town of the second, third or fourth class may construct any public work or improvement by contract or day labor without calling for bids therefor whenever the cost of such work or

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improvement, including cost of materials, supplies and equipment will not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars. Whenever the cost of such public work or improvement, including materials, supplies and equipment, will exceed two thousand dollars, the same shall be done by contract after a call for bids which shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Notice of the call for bids shall be given by posting notice thereof in a public place in the city or town and by publication in the official newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks before the date fixed for opening the bids. If there is no official newspaper the notice shall be published in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the city or town. The city council or commission of the city or town shall have power by resolution to reject any or all bids and to make further calls for bids in the same manner as the original call, or if in its judgment the improvement or work, including the purchase of supplies, material and equipment, can be done by the city at less cost than the lowest bid submitted it may do so without making a further call for bids or awarding any contract therefor. If no bid is received on the first call the city council or commission may re-advertise and make a second call, or may enter into a contract without any further call or may purchase the supplies, material or equipment and perform such work or improvement by day labor.

Notice of call for bids.

Rejection.

When work may be done by city.

No bid received.

Purchase of other supplies, etc., in excess of \$500.

Any purchase of supplies, material, equipment or services, except for public work or improvement, where the cost thereof exceeds five hundred dollars shall be made upon call for bids in the same method and under the same conditions as required herein on a call for bids for public work or improvement.

Manner of calling bids.

Bids shall be called annually and at a time and in the manner prescribed by ordinance for the publication in a newspaper published or of general circula-

tion in the city or town of all notices or newspaper publications required by law. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Award to lowest responsible bidder.

SEC. 2. Sections 35.24.270 and 35.24.280, R.C.W., being section 31, chapter 184, Laws of 1915, and section 35.27.360, R.C.W., being section 166, chapter VII, Laws of 1889-1890, and sections 35.23.350 and 35.23.360, R.C.W., being section 52, chapter 241, Laws of 1907, are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

[R.C.W. 35.24.270 was derived from the last two sentences of R.R.S. § 9145.]

[R.C.W. 35.24.280 was derived from beginning through the proviso of R.R.S. § 9145.]

[R.C.W. 35.27.360 is Rem. Supp. 1947, § 9185.]

[R.C.W. 35.23.350 was derived from the last two sentences of R.R.S. § 9055.]

[R.C.W. 35.23.360 was derived from all of R.R.S. § 9055 except the last two sentences thereof.]

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## CHAPTER 212.

[ S. B. 242. ]

### IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—ASSESSMENTS.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts, and to the levy and collection of assessments; amending section 87.01.060, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.01.060, R.C.W., as derived from section 4, chapter 138, Laws of 1923, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Whenever public lands of the state are situated in or taken into an irrigation district they shall be treated the same as other lands, except as hereinafter provided. The commissioner of public lands shall be served with a copy of the petition proposing to include such lands, together with a map of the district

State lands within irrigation districts.

Petition of inclusion.