

Validated.

Bonds.

Emergency.

lidity because the notice of hearing on the petitions for the annexation of such areas to such districts may have been improperly given or published, are hereby validated, ratified and confirmed. Any or all of such bonds, if, as, and when issued, shall be valid, legal, and binding obligations of any such sewer districts.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 10, 1953.

Passed the House February 25, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1953.

CHAPTER 53.

[S. B. 196.]

HIGHWAY CONTRACTS.

AN ACT extending the time for the execution of highway contracts by successful bidders; and amending section 47.28.100, RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 47.28.100, RCW, derived from section 38, chapter 53, Laws of 1937, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Highway
contractors;
execution of
contract;
bond.

If the successful bidder fails to enter into the contract and furnish satisfactory bond as by law provided within twenty days from the award, exclusive of the day of the award, his deposit shall be forfeited to the state and be deposited by the state treasurer to the credit of the motor vehicle fund, and the director may award the contract to the second lowest responsible bidder. If the second lowest responsible bidder fails to enter into the contract and furnish bond within twenty days after award to him, forfeiture of his

deposit shall also be made and the contract may be awarded to the third lowest responsible bidder, and in like manner until the contract and bond are executed by a responsible bidder to whom award is made, or further bid proposals are rejected, or the number of bid proposals exhausted: *Provided*, That if the contract is not executed or no contractor's bond provided within the time required, and there appear circumstances which are deemed to warrant an extension of time, the director may extend the time for execution of the contract or furnishing bond for not to exceed twenty additional days. After awarding the contract the deposits of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned: *Provided*, That the director may retain the deposit of the next lowest responsible bidder or bidders as he desires until such time as the contract is entered into and satisfactory bond provided by the bidder to whom award was ultimately made.

Extension of
time for
execution of
contract.

Return of
bid proposal
deposits.

If in the opinion of the director the acceptance of the bid of the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, or on prior failure of the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, the acceptance of the bid of the remaining lowest responsible bidder or bidders will not be for the best interest of the state, he may reject all bids or all remaining bids and republish call for bids in the same manner as for an original publication thereof.

Rejection of
all bid
proposals.

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