

CHAPTER 57.

[House Bill No. 111.]

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES—GROUP HOSPITALIZATION AND
MEDICAL AID.

AN ACT relating to group hospitalization and medical aid for public employees, certain elected officials, and the dependents of such employees and officials; and amending section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.04.180; and section 2, chapter 75, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.04.190.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.04.180 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 41.04.180 amended.

Any department, division, or separate agency of the state government, and any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state acting through its principal supervising official or governing body may, whenever funds shall be available for that purpose, provide for all or a part of hospitalization and medical aid for its employees and their dependents through contracts with regularly constituted insurance carriers or with health care service contractors as defined in chapter 48.44 RCW, for group hospitalization and medical aid policies or plans: *Provided*, That any county may provide such hospitalization and medical aid to county elected officials and their dependents on the same basis as such hospitalization and medical aid is provided to other county employees and their dependents: *Provided further*, That the contributions of any department, division or separate agency of the state government and school districts shall be limited to not to exceed fifty percent of any premium therefor, or five dollars per month per employee covered, whichever is less except that such limitation shall not apply to employees employed under chapter 47.64 RCW.

Public employees—Group hospitalization and medical aid. Premiums, governmental contributions under.

RCW 41.04.190 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 75, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.04.190 are each amended to read as follows:

Premiums, governmental contributions under. Cost deemed additional compensation—Disbursement.

The cost of any such group policy or plan to any such public agency or body shall be deemed additional compensation to the employees or elected county officials covered thereby for services rendered, and any officer authorized to disburse such funds may pay in whole or in part to any such insurance carrier or health care service contractor the amount of the premiums due pursuant to any such contract.

—Legislator's right to county office to be preserved—Severability.

SEC. 3. No board of county commissioners shall take any action under this 1965 amendatory act which shall disqualify members of the present legislature, under Article II, section 13, of the Constitution, from being candidates for or being elected or appointed to county elected offices.

If any provision of the action of a board of county commissioners is held invalid under the preceding paragraph of this section, the remainder of the action or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Passed the House March 7, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.