

CHAPTER 60.

[Senate Bill No. 476.]

TELETYPEWRITER COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

AN ACT relating to state government; transferring the powers, duties and functions of the director of budget relating to the state teletypewriter communications network to the chief of the Washington state patrol; amending section 43.89.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and RCW 43.89.010; amending section 43.89.020, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and RCW 43.89.020; amending section 43.89.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and RCW 43.89.030; adding new sections to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and to chapter 43.89 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and to chapter 43.89 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The powers, duties, and functions of the director of budget relating to the state teletypewriter communication network are transferred to the chief of the Washington state patrol. All existing contracts, orders, rules, regulations, records, and obligations together with communications equipment, motor vehicles, and any other property, device, or thing and any remaining appropriation pertaining to such communication network shall be transferred by the director of budget or his agent to the chief of the Washington state patrol as of the effective date of this 1965 amendatory act.

Teletypewriter communications network. Powers, functions, transferred.

SEC. 2. Section 43.89.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and RCW 43.89.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.89.010 amended.

The chief of the Washington state patrol is hereby authorized to establish a teletypewriter communications network which will inter-connect the law enforcement agencies of the state and its political

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subdivisions into a unified written communications system. The chief of the Washington state patrol is authorized to lease or purchase such facilities and equipment as may be necessary to establish and maintain such teletypewriter communications network.

(1) The communications network shall be used exclusively for the official business of the state, and the official business of any city, county, city and county, or other public agency.

(2) This section does not prohibit the occasional use of the state's communications network by any other state or public agency thereof when the messages transmitted relate to the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state.

(3) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall fix the monthly operational charge to be paid by any department or agency of state government, or any city, county, city and county, or other public agency participating in the communications network: *Provided*, That in computing charges to be made against a city, county, or city and county the state shall bear at least fifty percent of the costs of such service as its share in providing a modern unified communications network to the law enforcement agencies of the state.

(4) The chief of the Washington state patrol is authorized to arrange for the connection of the communications network with the law enforcement communications system of any adjacent state, or the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

SEC. 3. Section 43.89.020, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and RCW 43.89.020 are each amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created the state communications advisory committee which shall advise the chief of the Washington state patrol on matters re-

RCW 43.89.020
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lating to the operation of the teletypewriter communications system established hereunder.

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(1) The committee shall serve without pay and shall meet at such times as the chairman or chief of the Washington state patrol so determine. Attendance at meetings of the committee shall be deemed performance by a member of the duties of his state or political subdivision's employment.

(2) The committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor and shall include:

- (a) An incumbent county sheriff;
- (b) An incumbent chief of police;
- (c) An incumbent county commissioner;
- (d) An incumbent city chief executive officer;
- (e) A member of the Washington state patrol;
- (f) The director of state institutions or his duly authorized representative;
- (g) The state director of civil defense.

(3) The term of each member of the committee shall be two years, except that the term of three of the original members, to be determined by the governor, shall expire on July 1, 1964. The governor shall designate one of the members to serve as chairman.

(4) The committee shall advise the chief of the Washington state patrol on the initial formation and installation of a teletypewriter communications network and approve the initial or subsequent connection of any city, county, city and county or local subdivision to the network.

(5) The committee shall adopt such rules, regulations, procedures, and methods of operation as it deems necessary to effectuate the most efficient and economical use of the communications network.

SEC. 4. Section 43.89.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and RCW 43.89.030 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.89.030
amended.

Teletypewriter communications network. Political subdivision participation.

Any city, county, city and county, or other public agency may connect with and participate in the teletypewriter communications network subject to the rules, regulations, procedures and methods of operation adopted by the state communications advisory committee: *Provided*, That such city, county, city and county, or other public agency shall first agree to pay such installation charges as may be necessary for such connection and such monthly operational charges as may be established by the chief of the Washington state patrol.

New section.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 4) and to chapter 43.89 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Liability of state not affected by transfer.

The transfer of the powers, duties, and functions relating to the state teletypewriter communication network from the director of budget to the chief of the Washington state patrol shall not terminate or affect the liability of the state accruing with respect to such communications network to any person, company, or corporation.

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This 1965 amendatory act shall take effect on July 1, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 19, 1965.

Passed the House March 25, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 2, 1965.