

Sec. 2. This 1967 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the Senate April 27, 1967.

Passed the House April 27, 1967.

Approved by the Governor May 3, 1967.

CHAPTER 115.

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 645.]

DATA PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATIONS.

AN ACT relating to communications and data processing; providing for the acquisition, maintenance, coordination and utilization of data processing and communications equipment, services and systems by state and local governments; prohibiting abuses concerning communications; adding new sections to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. It is the purpose of this act to provide, through the central budget agency, for the efficient and coordinated utilization of data processing equipment, techniques and personnel to achieve optimum effectiveness and economy in collection, storage, interchange, retrieval, processing and transmission of information; to authorize development, implementation and maintenance of a coordinated state-wide plan for data processing and data communications systems; and to ensure that such systems shall serve the management and other needs of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state and local government.

State data processing and communications. Purpose.

New section.

Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW a new section to read as follows:

State data processing and communications—Definitions.

“Automatic data processing” means that method of processing information using punch card (EAM) and/or electronic (EDP) equipment and includes data communication devices used in connection with automatic data processing equipment for the transmission of data.

“Committee”, unless otherwise indicated in the context, means the data processing advisory committee created by this act.

“Local government agencies” includes all municipal and quasi municipal corporations and political subdivisions, and all agencies of such corporations and subdivisions authorized to contract separately.

“State agency” means all offices, departments, agencies, institutions and commissions of state government.

New section.

Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Data processing advisory committee—Created—Membership—Expenses.

There is hereby created a thirteen member advisory committee composed of the following: The state treasurer, the superintendent of public instruction, the state auditor, the commissioner of public lands, the lieutenant governor who shall serve as chairman of the committee, and the budget director who shall serve as executive secretary of the committee; and the following members who shall be appointed by the governor: One member who shall be a member of the legislature; one member representing the judicial branch of state government; three members representing the departments, agencies and commissions of state government; one member representing higher education; and one member representing local government agencies.

Members of the committee created pursuant to this act shall serve without compensation: *Provided*, That the committee by majority vote of its membership may authorize the reimbursement of necessary travel expenses of its members in attending meetings or other business of the committee, at rates not exceeding rates allowed by law for members of legislative interim committees as provided by RCW 44.04.120.

Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

For the purposes of this act the governor, and the budget director as representative of the governor, shall have the following powers to be exercised after consultation with the data processing advisory committee: *Provided*, That with respect to such powers as they directly affect the administration of the duties of an agency headed by an elective official such powers shall be exercised only after approval by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the advisory committee: State data processing and communications—Governor and budget director—Powers and duties.

(1) To study, organize and/or develop automatic data processing systems to serve state-wide needs of state and local government agencies, to provide services of said nature, and encourage the development of functional and regional centralized systems;

(2) To delegate to any state agency, under appropriate standards, authority to purchase or otherwise acquire and maintain automatic data processing equipment: *Provided*, That in exercising such authority due consideration and effect shall be given to the overall purposes of this act and the statutory obligations, total management and other needs of each agency;

(3) To make contracts, and to hire employees and consultants necessary or convenient for the purposes of this act, and fix their compensation; to

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enter into appropriate agreements for the utilization of state agencies and local government agencies, their facilities, services and personnel in developing and coordinating plans and systems, or other purposes of this act; to contract with any and all other governmental agencies for any purpose of this act including but not limited to mutual furnishing or utilization of facilities and services or for inter-agency or interstate cooperation in the field of data processing and communications; and

(4) To develop and publish standards to implement the purposes of this act including but not limited to standards for the coordinated acquisition and maintenance of data processing equipment and services; requirements for the furnishing of information and data concerning existing data processing systems by state offices, departments and agencies and local government agencies and standards and regulations to establish and maintain the confidential nature of information insofar as such confidentiality may be necessary for individual privacy and the protection of private rights in connection with data processing and communications.

New section.

Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW a new section to read as follows:

State purchasing—Participating in purchasing and leasing.

In order to facilitate proper distribution of the costs of automatic data processing equipment and services, the services of the department of general administration, and its division of purchasing, central stores and central stores revolving fund may be utilized to facilitate such purchasing or contracting and apportioning of costs.

New section.

Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW a new section to read as follows:

State and local government agencies are authorized to enter into any contracts with the budget director, as representative of the governor, which may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes and policies of this act or for maximum utilization of facilities and services which are the subject of this act.

Contracts for purchase and lease of equipment.

Sec. 7. For the biennium ending June 30, 1969, there is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the governor the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act including but not limited to the acquisition of automatic data processing equipment.

Appropriation.

Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1967.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate April 30, 1967.

Passed the House April 30, 1967.

Approved by the Governor May 3, 1967.

CHAPTER 116.

[Senate Bill No. 654.]

JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION.

AN ACT relating to the naming of the Joint Committee on Governmental Cooperation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. The special interim committee for oversight provided for in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 of the fortieth session of the legislature is

Legislature—Joint committee on governmental cooperation.