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CHAPTER 78

[HOUSE BILL NO. 397] HIGHWAY CONTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE--CONTRACT AWARDS BY DISTRICT ENGINEERS

AN ACT Relating to state highways; and amenāing section 47.28.030, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 180, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.28.030.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 47.28.030, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 180, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.28.030 are each amended to read as follows:

A state highway shall be constructed, altered, repaired, or improved by contract or day labor. The work may be done by day labor when the estimated cost thereof is less than fifteen thousand dollars: PROVIDED, When delay of performance of such work would jeopardize a state highway or constitute a danger to the traveling public, the work may be done by day labor when the estimated cost thereof if less than twenty-five thousand dollars. When the state highway commission determines to do the work by day labor, it shall enter a resolution upon its records to that effect, stating the reasons therefor. The state highway commission may authorize any district engineer of the department of highways to publish calls for bids and award contracts for work not exceeding a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. All such awards shall follow the same procedures as are prescribed for other highway commission contracts except as provided in this section.

Whenever the work to be performed is repair or maintenance of an existing highway, surveying, test drilling, or other exploratory engineering on an existing or proposed highway and the engineer's estimate indicates the cost of the work would not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, and delay of performance thereof would jeopardize a state highway or inconvenience the traveling public, the state highway commission may negotiate without a call for bids a contract for the furnishing of any equipment with operator and/or materials and supplies required for performance of the work, and in such instances the contractor furnishing such equipment, and/or materials and supplies need not be prequalified pursuant to RCW 47.28.070 nor furnish a bid deposit or performance bond.

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> CHAPTER 79 [House Eill No. 437] LOCAL GOVEENMENT BONDS--REGISTRATION--PISCAL AGENCIES

AN ACT Relating to state government; and amending section 30. chapter 91, Laws of 1915 and RCW 39.44.130.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 91, Laws of 1915 and RCW 39.44.130 are each amended to read as follows:

The duties herein prescribed as to the registration of bonds of any city or town shall be performed by the treasurer thereof, and as to those of any county, port or school district by the county treasurer of the county in which such port or school district lies; but any county, city, town, port or school district may designate by resolution any other officer for the performance of such duties, and any county, city, town, port or school district may designate by resolution ((the fiscal agency of the state of Washington in New York)) its legally designated fiscal agency or agencies for the performance of such duties, after making arrangements with such fiscal agency therefor, which arrangements may include provision for the payment by the bondholder of a fee not exceeding twenty-five cents for each registration.

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> > CHAPTER 80 · [House Bill No. 486] MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE FUND--APPORTIONMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 82.44.150, chapter 15, Laws of 1961, as amended by section 15, chapter 255, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., and RCW 82.44.150; and declaring