

prequalification standards and procedures under RCW 47.28.070 shall always be sufficient.

Sec. 2. Section 47.28.050, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 180, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.28.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as may be provided by rules and regulations adopted under RCW 47.28.030 as now or hereafter amended the Washington state highway commission shall publish a call for bids for the construction of the highway according to the maps, plans, and specifications, once a week for at least two consecutive weeks, next preceding the day set for receiving and opening the bids, in not less than one trade paper and one other paper, both of general circulation in the state. The call shall state the time, place, and date for receiving and opening the bids, give a brief description of the location and extent of the work, and contain such special provisions or specifications as the commission deems necessary: PROVIDED, That when the estimated cost of any contract to be awarded is less than twenty-five thousand dollars, the call for bids need only be published in one paper of general circulation in the county where the major part of the work is to be performed: PROVIDED FURTHER, That when the estimated cost of a contract to be awarded is ~~((five thousand))~~ seven thousand five hundred dollars or less, including the cost of materials, supplies, engineering, and equipment, the state highway commission need not publish a call for bids.

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CHAPTER 117

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2559]

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIRS--LEASEHOLD

TAX EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to agricultural fairs; amending section 1, chapter 85, Laws of 1969 and RCW 15.76.165; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 85, Laws of 1969 and RCW 15.76.165 are each amended to read as follows:

Any county which owns or leases property from another governmental agency and provides such property for area or county and district agricultural fair purposes may apply to the director for

special assistance in carrying out necessary capital improvements to such property and maintenance of the appurtenances thereto, and in the event such property and capital improvements are leased to any organization conducting an agricultural fair pursuant to chapter 15.76 RCW and chapter 257 of the Laws of 1955, such leasehold and such leased property shall be exempt from real and personal property taxation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1973 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.

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CHAPTER 118

[House Bill No. 262]

STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND--BOARD OF
TRUSTEES--CREATED

AN ACT Relating to state institutions; adding a new chapter to Title 72 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the intention of the legislature in creating a board of trustees for the state school for the blind to perform the duties set forth in this chapter, that the board of trustees perform needed advisory services to the legislature and directly to the secretary of the department of social and health services, hereinafter denominated the "secretary", in the development of programs for the blind, and in the operation of the Washington state school for the blind.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby created a board of trustees for the state school for the blind to be composed of eleven trustees, of whom seven voting members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of nominees to be submitted by the nominating committee in accordance with section 9 of this 1973 act. In making such appointments the governor shall give consideration to geographical exigencies and shall appoint one trustee residing in each of the state's congressional districts. A representative of the parent-teachers association of the Washington state school for the blind, a representative of the Washington council of the blind, a representative of the Washington state association for the blind and