

in an amount determined by the board in accordance with this chapter not to exceed thirty dollars shall accompany ~~((the))~~ each original application and ~~((a fee of ten dollars shall accompany))~~ each notice of amendment.

Sec. 5. Section 28, chapter 226, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 1, chapter 23, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.04.290 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The director of motor vehicles shall upon application issue an annual permit to practice public accounting in this state to any person or partnership authorized to engage in such practice in this state under a valid certificate, license, or registration, to any corporation presently authorized to do business under RCW 18.04.350, as now or hereafter amended, and to any candidate for a certificate as a certified public accountant who has passed the entire examination given by the examining committee as provided in RCW 18.04.120 as now or hereafter amended. Such permits shall expire on the thirtieth day of June of each year. The annual fee for a permit to practice public accounting in this state shall be ~~((twenty-five dollars:))~~ in an amount determined by the board in accordance with this chapter not to exceed fifty dollars. In the event the holder of a permit fails to renew the same prior to the expiration thereof such failure shall not deprive a person or partnership otherwise entitled to such permit of the right to renew the same upon the payment of the fees which the applicant would have been required to pay if the permit had been renewed prior to its expiration.

(2) Every person practicing public accounting shall as a prerequisite to annual renewal of such permit, submit to the Washington state board of accountancy satisfactory proof of having, during the preceding three years, completed fifteen days or an accumulation of one hundred twenty hours of continuing education recognized and approved by the board: PROVIDED, That this subsection shall not apply to applications for renewal until three years after July 16, 1973: PROVIDED, That this requirement may be waived by the board for good cause.

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CHAPTER 230

[Substitute House Bill No. 693]

PUBLIC WORKS AND

CONTRACTS—ADVERTISEMENT

AN ACT Relating to public contracts; amending section 36.32.250, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 16, chapter 144, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 36.32.250; and amending section 2, chapter 183, Laws of 1923 as amended by section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1967 and RCW 39.04.020.

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

Section 1. Section 36.32.250, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 16, chapter 144, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 36.32.250 are each amended to read as follows:

No contract, lease or purchase shall be entered into by the ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners))~~ legislative authority or by any elected or appointed officer of such county until after bids have been submitted to the ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners))~~ legislative authority upon specifications therefor. Such specifications shall be in writing and shall be filed with the clerk of the ~~((board))~~ county legislative authority for public inspection, and an advertisement thereof stating the date after which bids will not be received, the character of the work to be done, or material, equipment, or service to be purchased, and that specifications therefor may be seen at the office of the clerk of the ~~((board))~~ county legislative authority, shall be published in the county official newspaper and in a legal newspaper of general circulation in or as near as possible to that part of the county in which such work is to be done: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That if the county official newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation covering at least forty percent of the residences in that part of the county in which such work is to be done publication of an advertisement of the applicable specifications in the county official newspaper only shall be sufficient. Such advertisements shall be published at least once in each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the last date upon which bids will be received and as many additional publications as shall be determined by the ~~((board))~~ county legislative authority. The bids shall be in writing, shall be filed with the clerk, shall be opened and read in public at a meeting of the ~~((board))~~ county legislative authority on the date named therefor in said advertisements, and after being opened, shall be filed for public inspection. No bid shall be considered for public work unless it is accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a surety bond, postal money order, cash, cashier's check, or certified check in an amount equal to five percent of the amount of the bid proposed. The contract for the public work, lease or purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; taking into consideration the quality of the articles or equipment to be purchased or leased. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause. The ~~((board))~~ county legislative authority shall require from the successful bidder for such public work a contractor's bond in the amount and with the conditions imposed by law. Should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract and furnish the contractor's bond as required within ten days after notice of the award, exclusive of the day of notice, the amount of the bid deposit shall be forfeited to the county and the contract awarded to the next lowest and best bidder. The bid deposit of all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the contract is awarded and the required contractor's bond given by the successful bidder is accepted by the ~~((board))~~ county legislative authority. In the letting of any contract, lease or purchase involving less than one thousand dollars advertisement and competitive bidding may be dispensed with on order of the ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners))~~ legislative authority. Notice of intention to let contracts, enter into lease agreements or to make purchases involving amounts exceeding five hundred dollars and less than one thousand dollars, shall be posted by the ~~((board of))~~ county ~~((commissioners))~~ legislative authority on a bulletin board in its office not less than three days prior to making such purchase, lease or contract. Wherever possible, supplies shall be purchased in quantities for a period of at least three months, and not to exceed one year. Supplies generally used throughout the various departments shall be standardized insofar as possible, and

may be purchased and stored for general use by all of the various departments which shall be charged for the supplies when withdrawn from the purchasing department.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 183, Laws of 1923 as amended by section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1967 and RCW 39.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the state, or any municipality shall determine that any public work is necessary to be done it shall cause plans and/or specifications thereof and an estimate of the cost of such work to be made and filed in the office of the director, supervisor, commissioner, trustee, board or agency having by law the authority to require such work to be done.

If the state, or such municipality shall determine that it is necessary or advisable that such work shall be executed by any means or method other than by contract, and it shall appear by such estimate that the probable cost of executing such work will exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, then the state or such municipality shall at least fifteen days before beginning work cause such estimate, together with a description of the work, to be published at least once in a legal newspaper of general circulation ((m)) published in or as near as possible to that part of the county in which such work is to be done(:

~~PROVIDED, That when such work is to be done by the state, publication in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the state shall be equivalent to publication in the county where the work is to be done.~~

~~AND~~); PROVIDED ((FURTHER)), That when any emergency shall require the immediate execution of such public work, upon a finding of the existence of such emergency by the authority having power to direct such public work to be done and duly entered of record, publication of description and estimate may be made within seven days after the commencement of the work.

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CHAPTER 231

[House Bill No. 695]

MECHANICS' AND MATERIALMEN'S LIENS— DURATION—LIMITATION OF ACTION

AN ACT Relating to liens; and amending section 9, chapter 24, Laws of 1893 as amended by section 1, chapter 209, Laws of 1943 and RCW 60.04.100.

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

Section 1. Section 9, chapter 24, Laws of 1893 as amended by section 1, chapter 209, Laws of 1943 and RCW 60.04.100 are each amended to read as follows:

No lien created by this chapter binds the property subject to the lien for a longer period than eight calendar months after the claim has been filed unless an action be commenced in the proper court within that time to enforce such lien; or, if credit be given and the terms thereof be stated in the claim of lien, then eight calendar months after the expiration of such credit; and in case such action be