

public rights of way or on municipally owned property: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall prevent any first class city from operating a solid waste department utilizing its own personnel.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. All contracts by and between a first class city and contractors for any public work or improvement exceeding the sum of ten thousand dollars, or fifteen thousand dollars for construction of water mains, shall contain the following clause:

"Contractor agrees that he shall actively solicit the employment of minority group members. Contractor further agrees that he shall actively solicit bids for the subcontracting of goods or services from qualified minority businesses. Contractor shall furnish evidence of his compliance with these requirements of minority employment and solicitation. Contractor further agrees to consider the grant of subcontracts to said minority bidders on the basis of substantially equal proposals in the light most favorable to said minority businesses. The contractor shall be required to submit evidence of compliance with this section as part of the bid."

As used in this section, the term "minority business" means a business at least fifty-one percent of which is owned by minority group members. Minority group members include, but are not limited to, Blacks, women, Native Americans, Orientals, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Spanish Americans.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be added to chapter 35.22 RCW.

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CHAPTER 57

[Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 2235]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS—SEWAGE SYSTEMS

AN ACT Relating to public utility districts; and adding new sections to chapter 54.16 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. A public utility district may acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and add to sewage systems, subject to and in compliance with the county comprehensive plan, under the general powers of Title 54 RCW or through the formation of local utility districts as provided in RCW 54.16.120 through 54.16.170: PROVIDED, That prior to engaging in any sewage system works as authorized by this section, the voters of the public utility district shall first approve by majority vote a referendum proposition authorizing such district to exercise the powers set forth in this section, which proposition shall be presented at a general election.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The commission of a public utility district, by resolution may, or on petition in the same manner as provided for the creation of a

district under RCW 54.08.010 shall, submit to the voters for their approval or rejection the proposal that said public utility district be authorized to exercise the powers set forth in section 1 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The legislative authority of the county in which the public utility district is located, upon receipt of the resolution of the public utility district commission or petition as provided for in RCW 54.08.010, shall submit such proposal to the voters of the district at the next general election in substantially the following terms:

Shall Public Utility District No. ___ of ___ County be authorized to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and add to sewage systems?

Yes

No

Within ten days after such election, the election board of the county shall canvass the returns, and if at such election a majority of voters voting on the proposition shall vote in favor of such authority, the district shall have the powers set forth in section 1 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Accounts and funding for any sewage system or systems shall be kept as provided in RCW 43.09.210.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Nothing contained in sections 1 through 4 of this act shall change or alter the present authority of certain public utility districts as regards sewage systems and as provided in RCW 54.16.180.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each added to chapter 54.16 RCW.

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CHAPTER 58

[House Bill No. 16]

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES— ORDERS—APPEAL PROCEDURE

AN ACT Relating to appeals from final orders of the department of labor and industries; amending section 51.52.050, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.52.050; amending section 51.52.060, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 148, Laws of 1963 and RCW 51.52.060; amending section 51.52.070, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.52.070; and amending section 51.52.106, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 23, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 51.52.106.

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

Section 1. Section 51.52.050, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 and RCW 51.52.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the department has made any order, decision, or award, it shall promptly serve the workman, beneficiary, employer, or other person affected thereby, with a copy thereof by mail, which shall be addressed to such person at his last known address as shown by the records of the department. The copy, in case the same is a final order, decision, or award, shall bear on the same side of