

discretion, to such agencies as are authorized by RCW 43.43.705 to make application for it.

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CHAPTER 31

[House Bill No. 506]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS—SEWER SYSTEM OPERATION

AN ACT Relating to public utility districts' sewage systems; amending section 19, chapter 390, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 1, chapter 196, Laws of 1963 and RCW 54.16.180; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 19, chapter 390, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 1, chapter 196, Laws of 1963 and RCW 54.16.180 are each amended to read as follows:

A district may sell and convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its works, plants, systems, utilities and properties, after proceedings and approval by the voters of the district, as provided for the lease or disposition of like properties and facilities owned by cities and towns: PROVIDED, That the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the voters voting at an election on the question of approval of a proposed sale, shall be necessary to authorize such sale: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a district may sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property owned by it, located outside its boundaries, to another public utility district, city, town or other municipal corporation without the approval of the voters; or may sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of to any person or public body, any part, either within or without its boundaries, which has become un-serviceable, inadequate, obsolete, worn out or unfit to be used in the operations of the system and which is no longer necessary, material to, and useful in such operations, without the approval of the voters: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a public utility district located within a county of the first class may sell and convey to a city of the first class, which owns its own water system, all or any part of a water system owned by said public utility district where a portion of it is located within the boundaries of such city, without approval of the voters upon such terms and conditions as the district shall determine: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a public utility district located in a fifth class county and bordered by the Columbia river may, separately or in connection with the operation of a water system, or as part of a plan for acquiring or constructing and operating a water system, or in connection with the creation of another or subsidiary local utility district, may provide for the acquisition or construction, additions or improvements to, or extensions of, and operation of a sewage system within the same service area as in the judgment of the district commission is necessary or advisable in order to eliminate or avoid any existing or potential danger to the public health by reason of the lack of sewerage facilities or by reason of the inadequacy of existing facilities: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That a public utility district located within a county of the first class

bordering on Puget Sound may sell and convey to any city of the third class or town all or any part of a water system owned by said public utility district without approval of the voters upon such terms and conditions as the district shall determine. Public utility districts are municipal corporations for the purposes of this section and the commission shall be held to be the legislative body and the president and secretary shall have the same powers and perform the same duties as the mayor and city clerk and the resolutions of the districts shall be held to be ordinances within the meaning of the statutes governing the sale, lease, or other disposal of public utilities owned by cities and towns.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 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 32

[House Bill No. 287]

COUNTY ROADS—ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT—DAY LABOR PROJECTS

AN ACT Relating to county roads; and amending section 36.77.060, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.77.060.

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

Section 1. Section 36.77.060, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.77.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The board may cause any county road to be constructed or improved by day labor in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars on any one project: PROVIDED, That when the construction or improvement is the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, then such amount shall not exceed ten thousand dollars for any one project, including labor, equipment, and materials. This section shall be construed to mean a complete project and shall not be construed to allow or permit the construction of any project by day labor by division thereof into units of work or classes of work. All construction work to be performed at a cost in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars shall be performed by contract as in this chapter provided: PROVIDED, That when the construction work is the installation of electrical traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, in an amount exceeding ten thousand dollars for any one project, such work shall be performed by contract as in this chapter provided.

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