government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 101

## [Substitute Senate Bill No. 4826] LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES——SIRENS AND LIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to law enforcement vehicles; amending section 46.37.190, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 92, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 46.37.190; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 46.37.190, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 92, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 46.37.190 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Every authorized emergency vehicle shall, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive marking required by this chapter, be equipped with at least one lamp capable of displaying a red light visible from at least five hundred feet in normal sunlight and a siren capable of giving an audible signal.
- (2) Every school bus and private carrier bus shall, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this chapter, be equipped with a "stop" signal upon a background not less than fourteen by eighteen inches displaying the word "stop" in letters of distinctly contrasting colors not less than eight inches high, and shall further be equipped with signal lamps mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying to the front two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and these lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight.
- (3) ((A police vehicle when used as an authorized emergency vehicle, may but need not be equipped with alternately flashing red lights specified herein. A police vehicle may, in addition to or in lieu of the red light specified in subsection (1), be equipped with one or more blue lights:)) Vehicles operated by public agencies whose law enforcement duties include the authority to stop and detain motor vehicles on the public highways of the state may be equipped with a siren and lights of a color and type designated by the commission on equipment for that purpose. The commission may prohibit the use of these sirens and lights on vehicles other than the vehicles described in this subsection.

- (4) The ((alternately flashing red)) lights described in ((subsections (2) and (3) of)) this section shall not be mounted nor used on any vehicle other than a school bus, a private carrier bus, or an authorized emergency or law enforcement vehicle. ((The blue lights described in subsection (3) of this section may only be used on publicly owned police vehicles of a police department, sheriff's office and the Washington state patrol.))
- (5) The use of the signal equipment described herein shall impose upon drivers of other vehicles the obligation to yield right of way and stop as prescribed in RCW 46.61.210, 46.61.370, and 46.61.350.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This 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 102

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4852]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS—INTEREST COMPUTATION—PAYMENT TO DISTRICT SECRETARY—DELINQUENCY LIST

AN ACT Relating to irrigation districts; amending section 24, page 684, Laws of 1889-90 as last amended by section I, chapter 209, Laws of 1981 and RCW 87.03.270; amending section 3, chapter 169, Laws of 1967 and RCW 87.03.272; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 24, page 684, Laws of 1889-90 as last amended by section 1, chapter 209, Laws of 1981 and RCW 87.03.270 are each amended to read as follows:

The assessment roll, before its equalization and adoption, shall be checked and compared as to descriptions and ownerships, with the county treasurer's land rolls. On or before the fifteenth day of January in each year the secretary must deliver the assessment roll or the respective segregation thereof to the county treasurer of each respective county in which the lands therein described are located, and said assessments shall become due and payable on the fifteenth day of February following.

((One-half of)) All assessments on said roll shall become delinquent on the first day of May following the filing of the roll unless ((said one-half is)) the assessments are paid on or before the thirtieth day of April of said year((, and the remaining one-half shall become delinquent on the first day of November following, unless said one-half is paid on or before the thirty-