NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. (1) Except as provided otherwise in this chapter, a joint operating agency shall purchase any item or items of materials, equipment or supplies, the estimated cost of which is in excess of five thousand dollars exclusive of sales tax, or order work for construction of generating projects and associated facilities, the estimated cost of which is in excess of ten thousand dollars exclusive of sales tax, by contract in accordance with RCW 54.04.070 and 54.04.080, which require sealed bids for contracts.

(2) When a joint operating agency chooses to use one or more of the exceptions to sealed bid contracting specified in this chapter, the agency shall certify to the senate and house committees on energy and utilities and the legislative budget committee in writing within thirty days after the contract is signed, that such contract is in the public interest, state the reason or reasons why, and indicate the estimated cost savings or schedule improvement to the project compared to contracting for the same material, supplies, equipment or work through completion of work as contracted, including termination costs, or through sealed bids.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall expire on December 31, 1987, or on the date that construction is completed on those nuclear generating projects which are under construction by any joint operating agency on January 1, 1982, whichever is sooner.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 8 of this act are each added to chapter 43.52 RCW.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 10. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. 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.

Passed the Senate April 9, 1982.

Passed the House April 10, 1982.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 1982.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 20, 1982.

CHAPTER 45

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4705]
STATE GOVERNMENT——CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

AN ACT Relating to state purchasing; and adding a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.19 RCW a new section to read as follows:

- (1) The director of general administration through the state purchasing and material control director shall develop a system for state agencies and departments to use credit cards or similar devices to make purchases. The director may contract with a financial institution or institutions in this state to administer the credit cards.
- (2) The director of general administration through the state purchasing and material control director shall adopt rules for:
 - (a) The distribution of the credit cards;
 - (b) The authorization and control of the use of the credit cards;
 - (c) The credit limits available on the credit cards;
- (d) Instructing users of gasoline credit cards to use self-service islands whenever possible;
 - (e) Payments of the bills; and
- (f) Any other rule necessary to implement or administer the program under this section.

Passed the Senate April 10, 1982. Passed the House April 10, 1982.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 1982.

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CHAPTER 46

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3783]
TAXATION—REVALUATION OF PROPERTY—APPEALS

AN ACT Relating to revaluation of property; amending section 84.41.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 6, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.41.030; amending section 2, chapter 131, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as amended by section 9, chapter 214, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 84.41.041; amending section 84.41.090, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 200, chapter 278, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.41.090; amending section 36.21.080, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 3, chapter 274, Laws of 1981 and RCW 36.21.080; amending section 84.40-.040, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as lust amended by section 97, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.40.040; amending section 42, chapter 26, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 284, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 82.03.130; amending section 3, chapter 284, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 84.48.075; amending section 43, chapter 26, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 82.03.140; amending section 47, chapter 26, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 82.03.180; amending section 84.08.060, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 150, chapter 278, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess, and RCW 84.08.060; adding a new section to chapter 84.40 RCW; and declaring an emergericy.

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

Section 1. Section 84.41.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 6, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.41.030 are each amended to read as follows: