

decision rendered within thirty days of the closing of the hearing proceeding, and the procedures relating to recommended decisions and orders, and petitions for review of same, as contained in RCW 51.52.104 and 51.52.106, shall not be applicable to appeals filed under this section. Further appeals taken from the final decision of the board shall be governed by the provisions relating to judicial review of administrative decisions contained in RCW 34.04.130 and 34.04.140 as now existing or hereafter amended. The department shall have the same right of review of the board's decision as does any other aggrieved party.

(3) For purposes of this section, "expedited appeal" means an appeal filed with the board within fifteen working days after receipt of notice of the decision from the ~~((office of rehabilitation review))~~ supervisor or the supervisor's designee. An expedited appeal shall be heard within thirty calendar days following receipt of (a) the notice of appeal from an aggrieved party, or (b) a legible copy of the records of the office of rehabilitation review, whichever is later. The hearing held under this section shall be recorded and shall be confined to review of the records of the office of rehabilitation review. However, in cases of alleged irregularities in procedure not revealed by the records, testimony concerning such irregularities may be received by the board. The board shall in addition have authority, upon request by the worker or the employer, to hear oral argument and receive written information concerning the matter in dispute.

(4) The board of industrial insurance appeals shall have the authority to make, amend, and rescind in a manner prescribed by chapter 34.04 RCW such rules as may be necessary to carry out this section.

NEW SECTION, Sec. 4. 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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Passed the Senate April 11, 1983.

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CHAPTER 87

[Engrossed House Bill No. 35]

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS—CITIES AND TOWNS—STATE AGENCIES
AN ACT Relating to cities and towns; and adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION, Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 35.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Nothing contained in RCW 35.21.775 shall prohibit a separate contract for fire protection between a city or town and a state agency if the contractual relationship preceded the enactment of RCW 35.21.775 or if by mutual agreement a city or town and a state agency find that the funding under RCW 35.21.775 is inadequate to compensate the city or town for fire protection services or equipment provided to state facilities.

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CHAPTER 88

[Reengrossed House Bill No. 36]

SEWER DISTRICT FORMATION—PETITION

AN ACT Relating to sewer district formation; and adding a new section to chapter 56.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 56.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) As an alternative to the methods of formation under RCW 56.04-.030 through 56.04.060, a sewer district may be formed by a petition signed by the owners of at least sixty percent of the property to be included in the proposed district. The petition shall propose the formation of the district, designate the boundaries thereof, and indicate the name of the district. The petition shall be filed with the county auditor, who shall within ten days examine the signatures thereof and certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency. For this purpose, the county auditor shall have access to all registration books in the possession of the officers of any political subdivision in the proposed district. No person having signed such a petition shall be allowed to withdraw his name therefrom after the filing of the petition with the county auditor. If the petition is found to contain a sufficient number of signatures, the county auditor shall forward the petition to the county legislative authority who shall hold a hearing pursuant to RCW 56.02.060. Approval or disapproval of the proposed district shall be as provided in RCW 56.02.070.

(2) The initial commissioners for a district formed under this section shall be elected pursuant to RCW 56.12.020 at the next election held under RCW 29.13.010 following by more than ninety days a determination by the