

CHAPTER 70

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 4245]

WASTE REDUCTION—RECYCLING—PRIORITIES

AN ACT Relating to hazardous wastes; adding new sections to chapter 70.105 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 70.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislature hereby declares that:

(1) The health and welfare of the people of the state depend on clean and pure environmental resources unaffected by hazardous waste contamination. Management and regulation of hazardous waste disposal should encourage practices which result in the least amount of waste being produced. Towards that end, the legislature finds that the following priorities in the management of hazardous waste are necessary and should be followed in order of descending priority as applicable:

- (a) Waste reduction;
- (b) Waste recycling;
- (c) Physical, chemical, and biological treatment;
- (d) Incineration;
- (e) Solidification/stabilization treatment;
- (f) Landfill.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Waste reduction" means reducing waste so that hazardous byproducts are not produced;

(b) "Waste recycling" means reusing waste materials and extracting valuable materials from a waste stream;

(c) "Physical, chemical, and biological treatment" means processing the waste to render it completely innocuous, produce a recyclable byproduct, reduce toxicity, or substantially reduce the volume of material requiring disposal;

(d) "Incineration" means reducing the volume or toxicity of wastes by use of an enclosed device using controlled flame combustion;

(e) "Solidification/stabilization treatment" means the use of encapsulation techniques to solidify wastes and make them less permeable or leachable; and

(f) "Landfill" means a disposal facility, or part of a facility, at which waste is placed in or on land and which is not a land treatment facility, surface impoundment, or injection well.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 70.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department shall conduct a study to determine the best management practices for categories of waste for the priority waste management methods established in section 1 of this act, with due consideration in the course of the study to sound environmental management and available technology. As an element of the study, the department shall review methods that will help achieve the priority of section 1(1)(a) of this act, waste reduction. After conducting the study, the department shall prepare new rules or modify existing rules as appropriate to promote implementation of the priorities established in section 1 of this act for management practices which assure use of sound environmental management techniques and available technology. The preliminary study shall be completed by July 1, 1986, and the rules shall be adopted by July 1, 1987. The solid waste advisory committee shall review the studies and the new or modified rules and submit recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 1988, regarding policy options (such as fee incentives, disposal bans, etc.) that will be used to reduce the production of dangerous and extremely hazardous waste in Washington state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 70.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Consistent with the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act, the department is authorized to promote the priority waste management methods listed in section 1 of this act by establishing or assisting in the establishment of: (1) Consultative services which, in conjunction with any business or industry requesting such service, study and recommend alternative waste management practices; and (2) technical assistance, such as a toll-free telephone service, to persons interested in waste management alternatives. Any person receiving such service or assistance may, in accordance with state law, request confidential treatment of information about their manufacturing or business practices.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 70.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All fines and penalties collected under this chapter shall be deposited in the hazardous waste control and elimination account, which is hereby created in the state general fund. Moneys in the account collected from fines and penalties shall be expended exclusively by the department of ecology for the purposes of this act, subject to legislative appropriation. Other sources of funds deposited in this account may also be used for the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. (1) There is appropriated to the department of ecology from the hazardous waste control and elimination account in the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes of section 2 of this act.

(2) There is appropriated to the department of ecology from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purposes of section 2 of this act.

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CHAPTER 71

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 240]

VOTING BY MAIL

AN ACT Relating to voting by mail; amending section 6, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 35, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.120; amending section 7, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.130; amending section 29.45.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 101, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.45.010; adding new sections to chapter 29.36 RCW; repealing section 8, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 3, chapter 35, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.140; and prescribing penalties.

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

Sec. 1. Section 6, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 35, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.120 are each amended to read as follows:

At any primary or election, general or special, the county auditor (~~as ex officio supervisor of elections, or other officer having jurisdiction of the election;~~) may, (~~with regard to~~) in any precinct having (~~less~~) fewer than one hundred registered voters at the time of closing of (~~the~~) voter registration (~~files~~) as provided in RCW 29.07.160, (~~order~~) conduct the voting in (~~said~~) that precinct (~~for the next ensuing election, whether a primary election, general election, special election, or any other election, be~~) by mail ballot (~~only~~). For any precinct having fewer than one hundred registered voters where voting at a primary or a general election is conducted by mail ballot, the county auditor shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date of that primary or general election, mail or deliver to each registered voter within that precinct a notice that the voting in that precinct will be by mail ballot, an application form for a mail ballot, and a postage prepaid envelope, preaddressed to the issuing officer. A mail ballot shall be issued to each voter who returns a properly executed application to the county auditor no later than the day of that primary or general election. Such application is valid for all subsequent mail ballot elections in that precinct so long as the voter remains qualified to vote.

At any nonpartisan special election not being held in conjunction with a state primary or general election, the county, city, town, or district requesting the election pursuant to RCW 29.13.010 or 29.13.020 may also request