

CHAPTER 147.

[H. B. 155.]

HIGHWAYS—CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
—BIDS.

AN ACT relating to highways and contracts under fifteen thousand dollars and amending section 33, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 and RCW 47.28.050 and section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1949 and RCW 47.28.130.

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

Amendment. SECTION 1. Section 33, chapter 53, Laws of 1937, and RCW 47.28.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Publication of call for bids. The Washington state highway commission shall publish a call for bids for the construction of the highway according to the maps, plans, and specifications, once a week for at least two consecutive weeks, next preceding the day set for receiving and opening the bids, in not less than one trade paper and one other paper, both of general circulation in the state. The call shall state the time, place, and date for receiving and opening the bids, give a brief description of the location and extent of the work, and contain such special provisions or specifications as the director deems necessary: *Provided*, That when the estimated cost of any contract to be awarded is less than fifteen thousand dollars, the call for bids need only be published in one paper of general circulation in the county where the major part of the work is to be performed.

Amendment. SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1949 and RCW 47.28.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Cost to exceed \$15,000. In all cases where the estimated cost thereof is fifteen thousand dollars or more, the work shall be done by contract: *Provided*, That if the Washington state highway commission considers the bid proposals too high, or for other reasons deems it inadvisable that the contract be awarded to any bid-

ders, they may readvertise a new call for bids or do the work by day labor. A decision to do the work by day labor shall be ordered by resolution to that effect entered upon the records of the department of highways, which resolution shall set out the amount of the bid proposals submitted with the names of the bidders and the fact that the commission has found that in its judgment the work may be more satisfactorily done by day labor. In any case where work is performed by day labor, the commission shall, upon completion thereof, cause to be published in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the state, the original estimate of the work and the actual cost thereof by day labor:

Provided further, That when the estimated cost thereof is more than twenty-five hundred dollars, but less than fifteen thousand dollars, in lieu of publishing the original estimate of the work and the actual cost thereof, as may be required by the provisions of public contract laws, the commission may post the original estimate of the work and the actual cost thereof in the office of the county engineer in that county or counties wherein the work was performed, and make said records available for public inspection in the office of the director of highways at Olympia: *Provided further*, That no publication or posting shall be required for any work the cost of which is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

Cost less than \$15,000 but more than \$2,500.

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Passed the House February 16, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.