

**573.1 Definitions.**

For the purpose of [this chapter](#):

1. “*Construction*”, in addition to its ordinary meaning, includes repair, alteration and demolition.

2. “*Material*” shall, in addition to its ordinary meaning, embrace feed, gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oils and greases, provisions and fuel, and the use of forms, accessories, and equipment, but shall not include personal expenses or personal purchases of employees for their individual use.

3. “*Public corporation*” shall embrace the state, and all counties, cities, public school corporations, and all officers, boards, or commissions empowered by law to enter into contracts for the construction of public improvements.

4. “*Public improvement*” is an improvement, the cost of which is payable from taxes or other funds under the control of the public corporation, except that in cases of public improvement for drainage or levee purposes the provisions of the drainage law, [chapter 468](#), in cases of conflict shall govern.

5. “*Service*” shall, in addition to its ordinary meaning, include the furnishing to the contractor of workers’ compensation insurance, and premiums and charges for such insurance shall be considered a claim for service.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**10299**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §573.1]

[85 Acts, ch 22, §1](#); [2019 Acts, ch 59, §196](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1063, §315](#)

Referred to in [§686.1](#)

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