

SEC. 4. Sections 42 and 43, chapter 34, Laws of 1939 and RCW 52.20.030 and 52.20.040 are each repealed. Repeal.

SEC. 5. Nothing contained in this act shall apply to any tracts or parcels of wholly forest type lands within the district which are required to pay forest protection assessments, as required in RCW 76.04-.360; however, both the tax levy or special assessments of the district and the forest patrol assessment shall apply on the forest land portion of any tract or parcel which is in the district containing a combination of both forest type lands and nonforest type lands or improvements: *Provided, however,* That the owner shall have the right to have forest type lands of more than twenty acres in extent separated from land bearing improvements and from nonforest type lands for such taxation and assessment purposes upon furnishing to the assessor a written request containing the proper legal description. Forest type lands excluded under act.

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CHAPTER 162.

[H. B. 130.]

LIBRARY DISTRICT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to local improvement districts for library purposes.

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

SECTION 1. As used in this act:

“Library district” means a rural county library district, or intercounty rural library district. “Library district” defined.

SEC. 2. In any instance where the acquisition of land, buildings or capital equipment, or the construction of library buildings are of special benefit Library district L. I. D.'s authorized—Initiation.

to part or all of the lands in the district, the governing board of the library district shall have authority to include such lands in a local improvement district, and to levy special assessments under a mode of annual installments extending over a period not exceeding twenty years on all property specially benefited by any local improvement, on the basis of the special benefits to pay in whole or in part the damages or costs of any such improvements ordered in such library district. For the purposes of this act, the duties devolving upon the city treasurer under said laws are imposed upon the county treasurer serving the library district. Such local improvement districts may be initiated either by resolution of the governing board of the library district or by petition signed by the owners of at least fifty-one percent of the area of the land within the local improvement district to be created.

If the petition procedure is followed, said petition shall set forth generally the necessity for the creation of a local improvement district, outline the improvements proposed, and the means by which the cost of the same shall be financed. Upon receipt of said petition, said library district shall at its next regular meeting examine the same. The assessed owners of said lands as shown on the general tax roll in the county treasurer's office, last equalized, shall be prima facie evidence of the ownership of the lands to be included in said local improvement district. If said petition is found sufficient, said governing board of the library district shall proceed to consider the same and to determine whether such local improvement appears feasible and of special benefit to the lands concerned.

In case the governing board of the library district shall desire to initiate the formation of a local improvement district by resolution, it shall first pass a resolution declaring its intention to order such improvement, setting forth the nature and territorial

extent of such proposed improvement, designating the number of the proposed district, describing the boundaries thereof, stating the estimated cost and expenses of the improvement and the proportionate amount thereof which will be borne by the property within the proposed district, and fixing a date, time and place for a public hearing on the formation of the proposed district.

SEC. 3. If said petition is found insufficient or if said governing board of the library district shall determine that such a local improvement district is unfeasible or of no special benefit to the lands concerned, it shall dismiss said petition. If said governing board of the library district shall approve said petition or adopts a resolution of intention to order an improvement, it shall fix a day, hour and place for hearing the same and shall (1) mail notice of said hearing at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the public hearing to the owner or reputed owner of each lot, tract, parcel of land or other property within the proposed improvement district as shown on the tax rolls of the county treasurer at the address shown thereon, and (2) publish at least ten days prior to the hearing a notice of said hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, to be selected by said board. The cost of said mailing and publication shall be advanced or paid in advance by the petitioners or, in the case of initiation by the governing board of the library district, such costs shall be paid by the board. Such notice shall describe the boundaries of the proposed local improvement district, shall state that the lands within the said boundaries are proposed to be included within a local improvement district, shall mention the improvements proposed and the means by which the cost of the same shall be financed, shall state the day, hour and place of hearing on said petition and

Action on petition—Procedure if petition approved or resolution of intention adopted—Notice of hearing.

shall be signed by the secretary of the library district.

Proceedings
in accord with
chapter 56.20
RCW.

SEC. 4. The hearing for which notice is given in section 3 of this act and all subsequent proceedings in connection with the local improvement, including but not limited to the levying, collection and enforcement of local improvement assessments, shall be in accordance with the provisions of law applicable to sewer district local improvement district improvements set forth in chapter 56.20 RCW as now or hereafter amended, and references therein to the board of sewer commissioners and secretary of the board of sewer commissioners shall be deemed references to the governing board of the library district and secretary of the governing board of the library district.

Dual use
authorized.

SEC. 5. Library districts may use the provisions of this act for library district purposes alone or in conjunction with regional library agreements.

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