

## CHAPTER 287

[Engrossed House Bill No. 865]

## STATE LAND PLANNING COMMISSION CREATED

AN ACT Relating to state government; creating a state land planning commission; limiting the length of existence of such commission; and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The future of the state is largely dependent on the uses that are made of the lands within the state. The legislature finds and declares that the rapid growth and development of the state and the resulting demands on its land resources make new and innovative measures necessary to encourage the timely, orderly, and coordinated use of land in the state; to provide for future growth in the needs of agriculture, forestry, industry, business, residential communities, and recreation; to encourage the wise use of land and other natural resources which are in accordance with their character and adaptability; to conserve and protect soil, air, water, and forest resources; to protect the beauty of the landscape; and to promote the efficient and economical use of public resources. The legislature further finds and declares that future growth of the state should be guided by an effective planning process which should include the formulation of state-wide goals encompassing land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, and other relevant physical, social, and economic factors. While recognizing that land usage provides the common denominator which links human environmental systems to each other and to all other ecological relationships, it is the sense of the legislature that many present land use practices do not result from intelligent, fully informed, well-reasoned decisions; that, to the contrary, such practices too often occur on an uncoordinated, haphazard basis which fail to take into consideration either the long term consequences or the long term interests of the general public.

It is the purpose of this act to provide a means of assisting local governments, state agencies, and political subdivisions of the state to work towards the objectives set forth in this section, pending adoption of further legislation, by providing for investigation and evaluation by the state of land use changes which are expected to have a substantial impact and effect beyond the physical boundaries of the governmental jurisdiction in which the proposed land use is located and of providing such information to the local jurisdiction which has authority over the proposed use.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The state land planning commission is hereby established. Such commission shall be composed of fifteen members as follows: Four senators equally divided as to political

parties to be chosen by the president of the senate; four representatives equally divided as to political parties to be chosen by the speaker of the house; and eleven persons to be appointed by the governor from the general public. The governor shall select the chairman of the commission. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Each legislative member shall receive allowances as provided in RCW 44.04.120, and each lay member shall receive necessary expenses and other actual mileage or transportation costs as provided in RCW 43.03.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The commission, by majority vote, shall select appropriate subcommittees, and prescribe rules of procedure for itself and its subcommittees which are not inconsistent with this act. Both the commission and any subcommittee shall be authorized to conduct hearings throughout the state and shall have power to require data from all public officials and agencies concerned with land planning in the state of Washington and other data from such other public officials and agencies as may provide information helpful to the commission in carrying out its functions. In furthering the purposes of this act, the commission shall have authority to select and consult with interested citizen groups. Such groups shall not receive expenses unless otherwise provided for in this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The commission may by majority vote, hire and provide compensation for an executive director, and may employ or contract for the services of such employees and technical assistance and may appoint such advisory groups as the commission deems necessary for the proper and efficient performance of its duties. The expenses of the commission shall be paid from such moneys as may be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this act. All expenses incurred by the commission, including salaries and expenses of employees, shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the budget director and signed by the chairman of the commission. Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated generally by the legislature for commission expenses or upon any special appropriation which may be provided by the legislature for the expenses of the commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The commission shall consider the development of a state-wide land use data bank or alternative system for the assembly of information that will assist in the formulation, evaluation, and updating of intermediate and long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, open space, resource preservation and utilization, and other factors which shape state-wide development patterns and significantly influence the quality of the state's environment: PROVIDED, That the commission may consider specific sectors of the state and direct the development of a pilot project for the ultimate

design of a system for assembling information on a state-wide basis.

The development of a state-wide data bank or alternative system may contain any information relevant to the future growth of agriculture, forestry, industry, business, residential communities and recreation; the wise use of land and other natural resources which are in accordance with their character and adaptability; the conservation and protection of the soil, air, water, and forest resources; the protection of the beauty of the landscape; and the promotion of the efficient and economical uses of public resources.

It is intended that a state-wide information pool will be designed to be used by all governmental and private agencies including but not limited to the department of highways, department of commerce and economic development, the planning and community affairs agency, local and regional governmental bodies, public and private utilities, and private enterprise. The commission may consider the cost and feasibility of permitting public and private enterprise to insert data and use the information pool on an allocated cost basis as a tool to evaluate the ranges of alternatives in land and resource planning in the state of Washington.

The commission shall contract with an appropriate consultant to gather such data and assemble such data bank into a readily assessable system, including the computerization thereof for the purpose of developing a pilot project. Any information possessed by state agencies, public officials, and by any political subdivision may be utilized by the consultant as the commission may direct.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The commission shall study: All state planning enabling laws and other state laws concerning planning and land development; laws and proposed legislation of other states in the area of land use control; federal laws and proposed legislation in the area of land use control; land use studies and proposals of other organizations, public or private, concerned with land use control, including the American law institute model land use code and any other matters deemed necessary by the commission to carry out the purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The commission shall present to any extraordinary session of the legislature convened in 1972 its preliminary findings, conclusions and recommendations as a result of its pilot project and report the costs and feasibility of developing a state-wide land use data bank or alternative system for the assembly of information on a state-wide basis.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The commission shall present to the forty-third session of the legislature its recommendations for revisions in present state laws and enabling acts concerning planning and land development; its recommendations of new laws necessary to allow state-wide interests to be considered in future land

development of the state; its recommendations as to the appropriate degree of state involvement in land and resource planning; and its recommendations as to planning criteria and guidelines to be followed by localities in the preparation of local land use plans.

The commission shall also present to the forty-third session of the legislature a model land use code for the state of Washington which is to consolidate, as nearly as may be practicable, the results and findings of the commission's studies and recommendations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The commission shall be dissolved upon the termination of the forty-third regular session of the legislature, unless said legislature determines otherwise.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. To carry out the provisions of this act there is appropriated to the state land planning commission from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1973, the sum of ninety-one thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That federal funds are made available to the state to carry out the provisions of this act.

Passed the House May 10, 1971.

Passed the Senate May 10, 1971.

Approved by the Governor May 19, 1971 with the exception of an item in section 2 which, is vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 21, 1971.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"...In its original version HB 865 provided for a fifteen member commission with four legislators and eleven persons to be appointed by the governor from the general public. Amendments to the bill increased the number of legislators to eight, while the number of persons to be appointed by the governor remained at eleven. In increasing the number of legislators, however, the legislature neglected to increase the size of the commission from fifteen to nineteen. I believe the legislature intended to have a committee of nineteen composed of eight legislators and eleven members of the general public. In order to accomplish this purpose, I am vetoing the word "fifteen" and approving the rest of the bill."

Veto  
Message

## CHAPTER 288

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 283]

## PROPERTY TAXATION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 84.40.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1971 first ex. sess. and RCW 84.40.030; amending section 10, chapter 146, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 84.40.045; amending section 84.41.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.41.030; amending section 84.41.040, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.41.040; amending section 84.48.080, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.48.080; amending section 84.52.052, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.052; amending section 84.56.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 3, chapter 216, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 84.56.020; amending section 84.69.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 224, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., and RCW 84.69.020; amending section 1, chapter 27, Laws of 1971 first ex. sess.; adding a new section to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.04 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.36 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.48 RCW; creating new sections; repealing section 1, chapter 132, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 62, chapter 262, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.128; repealing section 3, chapter 8, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.129; repealing section 1, chapter 174, Laws of 1965 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 146, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 6, chapter 92, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 84.54.010; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 84.40.030, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1971 first ex. sess. and RCW 84.40.030 are each amended to read as follows:

All property shall be assessed fifty percent of its true and fair value in money. ((In determining the true and fair value of real or personal property, the assessor shall not adopt a lower or different standard of value because the same is to serve as a basis of taxation; nor shall he adopt as a criterion of value the price for which the said property would sell at auction; or at a forced sale; or in the aggregate with all the property in the town or district; but he shall value each article or description of property by itself; and at such price as he believes the same to be fairly worth in money at the time such assessment is made. The true cash value of property