

name and address are printed thereon, by registered mail, at the expense of the voter; and the county auditor, upon receiving such absentee voter envelopes, shall file the same in his office and shall keep the same until the votes are canvassed as hereinafter provided, and shall notify the registration officer of the precinct, or, if the ballot is received on election day, the election officers of the precinct that the voter, giving his name and address, has voted, and the registration officer or election officers as the case may be shall thereupon note upon the registration books opposite the name of the voter the word "Voted."

Passed the Senate February 16, 1923.

Passed the House February 26, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1923.

CHAPTER 59.

[S. B. 166.]

OYSTER LANDS.

AN ACT relating to the leasing of certain lands of the state for oyster culture and amending sections 8061 and 8066 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 8061 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 8061. In case all of the above three questions be answered negatively the commissioner of public lands shall issue to the applicant therefor a lease of said lands at such annual rental and for such term (not exceeding twenty years) as may be fixed and determined by the said commissioner. Upon the expiration of any lease issued under the pro-

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 8061;
Pierce's Code
§ 6503-27.

Lease.

visions of this act, the lessee shall have the right to make application to re-lease the lands covered by his said lease provided such application is made within thirty (30) days from the expiration thereof. The commissioner of public lands may upon the filing of such application cause the lands to be inspected and if he deem it for the best interests of the state to re-lease said lands, shall issue to the applicant a renewal lease for such further period (not exceeding twenty years) and under such terms and conditions as may be determined by the commissioner of public lands. When an application for the re-lease of any such land is made to the commissioner of public lands, under the provisions of this act, it shall not be necessary for the said lands to be inspected by the fish commissioner, as hereinbefore provided. Should the fish commissioner answer one or more of the above three questions affirmatively, the commissioner of public lands shall investigate the matter at a public hearing in the county where the lands in question are situated. Due notice of such hearing shall be given by the said land commissioner by publishing a notice to that effect in some paper of general circulation in the county, at the expense of the applicant, not less than one week and not more than four weeks before the date of hearing. Unless at such hearing it be conclusively shown to the commissioner of public lands that in the matters at issue the fish commissioner was in error, he shall refuse to lease such lands or such portion thereof as may be determined by the foregoing restrictions. Application for the lease of land thus withheld may not be made again within six years, except that the person last making application may repeat the application during the three months next preceding the expiration of the six years.

Re-lease.

Hearing.

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 8066;
Pierce's Code
§ 6503-32.

Survey
plat.

SEC. 2. That Section 8066 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 8066. A plat of the survey and description of all tracts applied for shall be filed in the office of the commissioner of public lands.

Passed the Senate February 15, 1923.

Passed the House February 26, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1923.

CHAPTER 60.

[S. B. 181.]

HIGHWAYS ABANDONED.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the Governor to reconvey certain premises secured as a part of the proposed location of the Pacific Highway, which location was afterwards abandoned.

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

SECTION 1. That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to in the name of the State of Washington, convey by quitclaim deed to Wallace McRae, the following described premises situate in Skagit County, Washington, said premises having been acquired by the state as a part of the proposed location of the Pacific Highway, which proposed location was afterwards abandoned:

A tract of land in the NW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄, Section 24, Twp. 35 N. R. 3 E. W. M., being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said section 24 and running S. 88°42' E., 301.7 feet, along the northerly boundary line of said section; thence turning an angle of 56°22' to the right and running S. 32°20' E., 23.7 feet to an intersection with the southerly right of way line of the county road and the true point of beginning.

Deed of
conveyance.

Description.