

(2) Section 47.12.100, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.12.100;

(3) Section 47.12.105, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.12.105; and

(4) Section 47.12.110, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.12.110.

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CHAPTER 178

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2504]

STATE BOARD ON
GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

AN ACT Relating to state government; establishing a Washington state board on geographic names; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and for the use of geographic names.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The purposes of this chapter are: To establish a procedure for the retention and formal recognition of existing names; to standardize the procedures for naming or renaming geographical features within the state of Washington; to identify one body as the responsible agent to coordinate this important activity between local, state and federal agencies; to identify the responsible agent for the purpose of serving the public interest; to avoid whenever possible the duplication of names for similar features, and so far as possible retain the significance, spelling and color of names associated with the early history of Washington.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby created a Washington state board on geographic names. It shall be composed of the:

- (1) State librarian or representative;
- (2) Commissioner of public lands or representative;
- (3) President of the Washington state historical society;
- (4) Chairman of the department of geography, University of Washington or representative;
- (5) Chairman of the department of geography, Washington State University or representative;
- (6) Two members from the general public to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner of public lands;
- (7) The commissioner of public lands or his representative shall be chairman of the board.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Washington

state board on geographic names and it shall have the power and authority to:

(1) Establish the official names for the lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and other geographic features within the state and the spellings thereof except when a name is specified by law. For the purposes of this subsection geographic features do not include manmade features or administrative areas such as parks, game preserves and dams, but shall include manmade lakes;

(2) Assign names to lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and other geographic features in the state for which no single generally accepted name has been in use;

(3) Cooperate with county commissioners, state departments and agencies and with the United States board on geographic names to establish, change and/or determine the appropriate names of the lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and other geographic features; and for the purpose of eliminating, so far as possible, duplication of place names within the state;

(4) Serve as a state of Washington liaison with the United States board on geographic names;

(5) Issue periodically a list of names approved by the board.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The board is authorized to establish policies to carry out the purposes of this chapter. In determining the names and orthography of geographic place names within the state of Washington, the board's decisions shall be made only after a careful consideration of all available information relating to such names, including the recommendations of the United States board on geographic names to which board it shall give full cooperation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Adoption of names by the board shall take place only after consideration at a previous meeting. All determinations of the board shall be filed with the code reviser and shall be compiled and indexed in the same manner as agency rules pursuant to RCW 34.04.050. Determinations by the board shall not be considered a rule under provisions of RCW 34.04.010. Whenever the state board on geographic names shall have given a name to any lake, stream, place and other geographic feature within the state, such name shall be used in all maps, records, documents and other publications issued by the state or any of its departments and political subdivisions, and such name shall be deemed the official name of such geographic feature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The board shall hold at least two regular meetings each year, and shall hold special meetings as called by the chairman or a majority of the board.

(1) All meetings shall be open to the public;

(2) Public notice of board meetings shall be published in one issue of a local newspaper of general circulation in the counties in

which features are being considered at least one week before the meeting is held. This notice will include those names to be considered by the board and those names to be adopted by the board;

(3) Four board members shall constitute a quorum;

(4) The board shall establish rules and regulations for the conduct of its affairs and carrying out the purposes of this chapter;

(5) The department of natural resources shall furnish secretarial and administrative services and shall serve as custodian of the records;

(6) All geographic names adopted by the board shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation in the county where the geographic name applies within four weeks following the date of their adoption.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Each member of the board, not otherwise a public employee, shall receive actual necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties which shall be paid by the agency that each member represents and, for the two members of the general public, by the department of natural resources. In no event shall a member's payments exceed five hundred dollars in any one year.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. No person shall in any advertisement or publication attempt to change local usage or name unnamed geographic features without first obtaining approval of the board.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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CHAPTER 179

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS--

REQUIREMENTS DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to environmental policy; adding new sections to chapter 109, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.21C RCW; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 109, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.21C RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department of ecology shall, within forty-five days from