

CHAPTER 152.

[H. B. 366.]

SALE OR LEASE OF STATE LANDS AND MATERIALS
THEREON.

AN ACT relating to the sale or lease of state lands and materials thereon and amending section 14, chapter 89 Session Laws of 1897.

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

SECTION 1. That section 14, chapter 89, Session Laws 1897 be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows: Section 14. That whenever the said Board of Appraisers shall have decided to sell any tract or tracts of granted lands, it shall, through the Chairman, notify the auditor of the county in which said lands are situated of that fact, specifying which of said lands are for sale, and order the sale thereof, and thereupon the said county auditor shall, under the direction of the said Board, forthwith fix the date of sale, and give notice thereof by advertisement published once a week for five weeks next before the time he shall name in said notice, in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which notices shall specify the place, time and terms of sale, describing with particularity each parcel of land to be sold and the appraiser's value thereof, and by conspicuously posting such notice in the office of the county auditor wherein such lands are situated, and the Commissioner of Public Lands shall cause all such lands or materials thereon to be sold, and to arrange such date of sale so that it will fall on the first Saturday of the month; excepting where such date would fall on a legal holiday, in which case no sales are to be made until the following month. The Commissioner of Public Lands shall cause to be printed in pamphlet form a list of school, granted or other public lands or materials thereon, or all tide and shore lands of the first or second class, or all oyster lands or detached tide lands, or harbor areas, or mineral lands, and appraised value thereof, where the law provides for appraisement, that are to be sold in the several counties of the State, said list to be issued each month, at least six weeks prior

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to the date of sale of such lands or materials thereon, enumerated thereon, such lands and materials thereon to be listed under name of county wherein located, such counties to appear in alphabetical arrangement, giving appraised values, character of same, and such other information as may be of interest to prospective buyers. Said Commissioner of Public Lands shall cause to be distributed to the auditors of each county in the State one hundred copies thereof and said county auditors to keep the lists in a conspicuous place or receptacle on the counter of the public office of their respective departments, and when requested so to do, to mail a copy of such list to residents of said county. Said Board of State Land Commissioners shall retain for free distribution in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands five hundred copies of said lists as above set forth, such list to be kept in a conspicuous place or receptacle on the counter of the general office of the Commissioner of Public Lands, and when requested so to do, the Commissioner of Public Lands shall mail copies of said list each month as issued to any applicant therefor. Proof of publication shall be made by affidavit of the publisher, or person in charge of the said paper, and by the affidavit of the person posting such notice as aforesaid, and by certificate from the auditor showing receipt of lists as aforesaid, which shall be at once sent to and filed in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands, and the said Board is hereby authorized to expend any sum of money not exceeding fifteen dollars in additional advertising of such sale, as the said Board shall determine to be for the best interests of the State. Such sales shall take place on the day advertised, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, in front of the courthouse, or of a building in which the superior court is held in counties in which there is no courthouse, and shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and on the terms specified in the notice hereinbefore prescribed, and no land shall be sold for less than its appraised value; such sale shall be conducted under the direction of the Board of Appraisers, by the county

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auditor of the county in which the lands sold are situate, and such auditor shall at once deliver to the purchaser, under his hand and seal, a memorandum of his purchase, containing a description of the land purchased, the price bid and the terms of sale, upon the delivery to such auditor, by the purchaser, of a certified check upon some bank, or in cash for an amount equal to one-tenth of the price of the land by him purchased, payable to the order of the Commissioner of Public Lands, and such auditor shall at once send to the Commissioner of Public Lands such certified check and a copy of the memorandum delivered to the purchaser. That if any land offered for sale pursuant to the order of the Board of Appraisers be not bid off at the sale held thereunder, the same may again be advertised for sale as provided in this act whenever, in the opinion of the Board, it shall be expedient to do so; and such land shall be again advertised for sale, as provided in this act, whenever any person shall apply to said Board in writing, to have such land sold, and shall agree to bid at least the appraised price therefor, and shall deposit with the State Treasurer at the time of making said application, a sufficient sum of money to pay the cost of advertising for such sale, as provided for in making original application.

Memorandum of purchase.

Re-advertisement.

SEC. 2. All leases of State tide lands, and the sales of all tide and shore lands of whatever class, except when sold to persons having the preference right of purchase, and timber and materials of State, school, and granted lands, and harbor areas or mineral lands where, under existing law, the same can be sold, shall be made in the same manner, under the same notice, and at the same time and place, as provided in section 1, of this act.

Leases shall be made in same manner as sales.

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Passed the Senate March 9th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 13th, 1907.