

of the N. W. quarter of said section 16; thence south 35 feet; thence west 1346.68 feet, more or less, to a point 35 feet south of the point of beginning; thence north to the point of beginning, lying in section 16, twp. 25 north, range 4 east, W. M., in King county, Washington, be and the same are hereby dedicated to the city of Seattle, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, to be used for street or boulevard purposes: *Provided, however,* That if the said city of Seattle shall ever use, or permit the use of said land, for any purpose other than in this act provided, the same shall at once revert to the State of Washington, without any suit or action in any court and without any action on the part of the state whatsoever.

Shore lands  
for park  
purposes.

SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

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## CHAPTER 38.

[H. B. 169.]

### CREATING PUBLIC ARCHIVES COMMISSION.

AN ACT to Create a Public Archives Commission, and to define its duties and powers.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Public Archives Commission which shall consist of the Governor of the state, the Secretary of State and the State Auditor, who shall be the official custodians of all public documents, records and archives of the state, and in general all such material as shall come into its possession in accordance with the terms of this act.

Archives  
commission.

SEC. 2. The term archives as used in this act shall be construed to mean manuscripts, manuscript books, records, printed books, papers, maps or drawings, or other papers

Archives  
defined.

of original record of any office, department, board or commission, constituting the state government, and which are not of current use, but whose chief use is that of preservation and reference, and which is required by law to be preserved, filed or recorded in any office of the state, or of any county or municipality, or of any officer or employe of the state or of any county or municipality.

Authority of  
commission.

SEC. 3. The Public Archives Commission shall have full and complete control of the official archives of the state, and it shall be their duty to arrange for the assortment, classification, labeling, filing, indexing, and cataloging of the entire body of the archives committed to their custody.

Rules.

SEC. 4. They may adopt such rules and regulations regarding the care and custody of the official archives as they may deem best, and may authorize the making of copies of the same, which copies may be given under seal of the commission, for which purpose the commission may adopt an appropriate seal.

Records to be  
surrendered  
to commis-  
sion.

SEC. 5. Any state official, county or other official is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to turn over to the Public Archives Commission for permanent preservation therewith any official archives not in current use in his office. When so surrendered copies therefrom shall be made and certified by the archivist upon the application of any person interested, which certification shall have all the force and effect as if made by the officer originally in charge of them and for which the same fees shall be charged, to be collected in advance: *Provided*, That in turning over the archives of his office the officer in charge thereof or his successor in office thereby loses none of his rights of access to them whenever necessary and for which no fees shall be charged.

State  
Librarian.

SEC. 6. The state librarian shall serve, without pay, as archivist, and shall under the direction of the Public Archives Commission have control and direction of the work and operations of the department; he shall preserve its collections and care for the official archives that may

come into the custody of the commission. For this preservation the commission shall furnish suitable rooms, cases and vaults.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the commission to report biennially to the legislature the condition of the archives Report. under their care, and to make such recommendations as will result in the records of this state being permanently preserved for historic and reference purposes.

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## CHAPTER 39.

[H. B. 107.]

### RELATING TO POLICE PENSION FUNDS.

AN ACT to create a police relief, health and insurance fund in incorporated cities of the first class, providing for the disbursement thereof, and creating a Board of Police Pension Fund Commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. The mayor, clerk, treasurer and common council of all incorporated cities of the first class in the State of Washington are, in addition to the duties now required of them, hereby created and constituted a board of trustees *ex-officio* of the police relief and pension fund of the police department of each of said incorporated cities, and shall provide for the disbursement of the said relief and pension fund, and shall designate the beneficiary thereof as hereinafter directed, which said board shall be known as the Board of Police Pension Fund Commissioners. Police pension board.

SEC. 2. The mayor shall be *ex-officio* chairman, the clerk shall be *ex-officio* secretary, and the treasurer shall be *ex-officio* treasurer of said board. Officers. The secretary of said board, at the time of making his annual reports as said