

CHAPTER 165.

[H. B. 90.]

CAPITOL BUILDING LANDS.

AN ACT relating to the construction of the capitol building at the state capital, erecting a memorial, acquiring property, improving grounds, providing for the sale of timber on the capitol building lands and the suspension of the levy for capitol building purposes and making an appropriation, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. That the state capitol committee is hereby authorized and required from time to time prior to the first day of July, 1925, upon its own initiative, or upon application of any person interested, to seek proposals by advertising in the public press or otherwise, within or without the state, for the sale of, and to offer for sale and sell, in quantities of not less than four hundred million (400,000,000) feet as determined by said committee from cruises heretofore or hereafter and in locations to be determined by said committee, sufficient timber on the capitol building lands to complete the construction of the capitol building now in course of construction at the state capital the memorial in honor of the soldiers, sailors and marines from this state who lost their lives in the service by disease or on the battle field, at home or abroad, in the late war with the Teutonic Powers, as heretofore provided by law, and the acquisition by purchase or condemnation of the balance of that certain block of land lying between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, Main Street and the Capitol Grounds and the west one-half (W. ½) of Block three (3) of Edward J. Allen's Addition to the City of Olympia, grading and improving the capitol grounds and reimbursing the state for monies loaned and charged

Advertising
for sale,
timber.

Capitol
building.

Soldiers
memorial.

Acquirement
of lands.

against the capitol land grant as provided by Chapter 167, Laws of 1917; *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring said committee to offer for sale, the timber on any particular tract of land applied for, and said committee shall have power to add timber on other lands to such application and power to exclude timber on lands included in such application; and to re-advertise and re-seek other new proposals or bids as often as said committee shall deem necessary, and with a view to obtaining the full market value of such timber, to announce the times, terms and conditions of sale of the timber on certain specified tracts of the capitol building lands: *Provided, however*, that the committee may reject any or all such bids or proposals or accept any such bid or proposal, but no bid or proposal shall be accepted from any bidder for the timber on any tract which is not the highest and/or best bid offered, except when two or more such tracts are offered at the same time where any bidder had bid for the timber on more than one tract his total bids may be taken into consideration in determining the best bid; *Provided, further*, that the committee shall fix the time within which such timber shall be removed from the lands, which time shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years from the date of the sale of such timber, and may provide that the purchaser of timber shall not be limited as to the time of removal thereof upon payment to the state for the use of such lands upon which such timber is situated of an annual rental to be fixed by the committee at or before the time of sale. That after five millions of dollars has been set apart for the completion of the construction of such building, memorial and the acquisition of such property and improvement of grounds all moneys received from the sale of capitol building lands or timber or materials thereon and all moneys remaining in the capitol building construc-

Re-advertise.

Rejection
of bids.Time for
removal.

Capitol building fund to reimburse state.

tion fund and all moneys accruing to said funds after said sum has been set apart as aforesaid, shall be applied to the re-payment of the indebtedness due the state from said capitol building fund, until the same is fully paid.

Terms of sale.

SEC. 2. The committee shall make the necessary rules under which proposals or bids for the purchase of timber shall be received, and shall fix the terms of the sale thereof: *Provided*, that all bids shall be sealed bids and that at least one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the purchase price of the timber sold shall be paid at the time of sale and the balance shall be paid on or before ninety (90) days after the time of sale. All sales shall take place at the state capital and the proceeds of such sale of timber shall be paid into the capitol building construction fund.

Capitol building tax levy may be omitted.

SEC. 3. If it shall appear to the satisfaction of the state equalization committee at the time of its annual meeting in the year 1923 or in the year 1924, that there are or will be sufficient moneys in the capitol building construction fund accrued from the sale of capitol building lands or timber thereon; to proceed with the construction of such capitol building during the year for which said committee is authorized and required to levy taxes for capitol building purposes, said state equalization committee shall be, and is hereby, authorized to suspend and omit the required levy of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mill for such purposes, for such year.

Act concurrent.

SEC. 4. This act is concurrent with other legislation with reference to the disposition of the capitol building lands or timber thereon and is not to be construed as repealing or modifying any existing provision of law with reference thereto.

Appropriation \$10,000.00.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated out of the capitol building construction fund, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or so much thereof as

may be necessary to defray the expense of making cruises of said timber lands as said committee may deem necessary, and the administrative expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House February 9, 1923.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1923.

CHAPTER 166.

[H. B. 212.]

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-STATE BRIDGE.

AN ACT providing for the purchase by the state of all the interest of Clarke County in and to the interstate bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver, and the operation and maintenance of said bridge by the state.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the bonds issued by Clarke county for the construction of the interstate bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver shall have been fully paid with the exception of not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of bonds, the state highway committee shall be authorized to purchase from Clarke county, in the name of the State of Washington, with moneys appropriated for that purpose, all the interest of Clarke county in and to said bridge and to apply said purchase money to the liquidation and cancellation of any outstanding bonds and any accrued interest thereon: *Provided*, that the state highway committee shall not purchase the interest of Clarke county in said bridge until it shall have first entered into

State highway committee may purchase interest of Clarke county.