

CHAPTER 266.

[H. B. 282.]

CONVEYANCE OF LANDS BY MUNICIPALITIES TO STATE
FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

AN ACT relating to highways, authorizing counties and other political subdivisions or municipal corporations of the state to convey land necessary for state highway purposes to the state, and amending section 26, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6400-26, Rem. Rev. Stat., sec. 2696-520, Pierce's Code).

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

Amend-
ments.

SECTION 1. That section 26, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6400-26, Rem. Rev. Stat., sec. 2696-520, Pierce's Code) be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Conveyance
of rights
of way by
municipal
subdivisions.

Section 26. Whenever it is necessary to secure any lands for primary or secondary state highway right of way or other state highway purposes, the title to which is in any county of the state or in any political or municipal subdivision of the state, which land is not at the time being used as a public highway, the Board of County Commissioners or the board of directors or governing body of any such political or municipal subdivision are authorized to directly lease, sell or convey by gift such land or any interest therein to the State of Washington, without requiring competitive bids or notice to the public, and at such price as the board, directors or governing body may deem for the best interests of the county or for the best interests of the political or municipal subdivision of the state. The Board of County Commissioners or the directors or governing body of any political or municipal subdivision are empowered to execute a deed or other proper instrument to such land, passing title to the State of Washington, and such instrument need not require consideration other than the benefit which may be derived by the

May convey
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Deed.

grantor on account of the use thereof. Whenever any state highway is established by legislative enactment and such state highway is upon the former route of any county road, the Board of County Commissioners shall cause the title to the existing right of way or so much thereof as the Director of Highways shall require to be transferred to the State of Washington by proper instrument.

Passed the House February 26, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 267.

[H. B. 298.]

CONSOLIDATION OF WATER DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to the consolidation of water districts; providing for certain elections, the incurring of indebtedness and the issuance of revenue bonds; and providing for the officers thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) or more water districts, adjoining or in close proximity to and in the same county with each other, may be joined into one (1) consolidated water district in the following manner: Twenty-five per cent (25%) of the legal electors residing within each of the water districts proposed to be consolidated may petition the Water District Commissioners of each of their respective water districts to cause the question to be submitted to the legal electors of the water districts proposed to be consolidated.

Districts may be joined.

Procedure.

SEC. 2. Upon the filing of such petitions with the Board of Water Commissioners of the water districts, if the said Water Commissioners of all of said districts shall concur in the said petitions, they shall

Auditor to check petitions.