CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

[S. B. No. 145.]

PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR STATE LANDS OF THEIR SHARE OF EXPENSE OF DRAINAGE, ETC.

An Act to provide for payment for state lands of their share of the expense of constructing drainage ditches, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. When under chapter 21 of the Session Laws of this state for 1889-90 any state land, whether school or granted or other land, is benefited by the improvement made as spoken of in said act, then the commissioners making the order directed to be made by section 9 of said act, shall direct the surveyor or engineer in making and returning the schedule required by said section to include in said return in addition to the matters required by said section, a list of all state land that may be benefited by said improvement, and an apportionment of the number of linear feet and cubic yards to each lot or tract of said land according to the benefit which will result to each from the improvement. They shall also direct that in making such apportionment the surveyor or engineer shall apportion the benefit of said improvement to such land in tracts of not more than forty acres, following any subdivisions of said land which may already have been made, and if no subdivisions have already been made then the surveyor or engineer shall make subdivisions such as seem to him best for increasing the value of the land, and shall designate the subdivisions in his report.

Sec. 2. The part of the report required by section 1 of this act shall in all respects be treated as the parts of the report required by said chapter 21. The county commissioners shall review the apportionment made to said lands in said report, and if such apportionment be just, and such as the benefit from said improvement to said state land warrants, they shall approve and confirm said apportionment, but if such apportionment to any of said tracts be too high or too low in proportion to the apportionment to
other lands, then the commissioners shall raise or lower the
apportionment as the circumstances of the case may re-
quire.

Sec. 3. When an assessment is made against lands for
said improvements, such assessment shall also be made
against said state land according to said subdivisions
thereof, and said state land shall be put on the duplicate
as other lands.

Sec. 4. Should said state land not be sold by the state
before said assessment of tax becomes delinquent, then the
county commissioners shall direct the payment of said tax
out of the general revenue fund of the county, and on the
tax duplicate shall be entered opposite said tax the words
"charged to county revenue fund."

Sec. 5. The valuation of said state land benefited by
said improvement shall not be raised by or on account of
said improvement, but when any of such land is offered
for sale there shall be added to the appraised value for such
lands as provided by law the amount of such payments
made by the county out of the county revenue fund, which
amount so added shall be paid by the purchaser in cash at
the time of the sale of said land in addition to the amount
due the state for said land; and said additional sum shall
be received by the county treasurer and be placed to the
credit of the county revenue fund.

Sec. 6. This act shall apply to all proceedings already
begun and now pending before the county commissioners
as well as to proceedings hereafter commenced under said
chapter 21.

Sec. 7. Whereas, there are at present no adequate laws
on this subject in this state, and the enactment of a law
regulating the subject is seriously needed, an emergency
therefor exists, and this act shall be in force and take effect
from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Approved March 9, 1893.