

CHAPTER 183.

[S. H. B. 8.]

RELATING TO THE LOWERING OF THE WATERS OF LAKE WASHINGTON.

AN ACT granting and confirming to purchasers of certain shore lands the title to shore lands, including those uncovered by the artificial lowering of the waters upon which they abut, and providing for the setting apart and donating for public services certain shore lands.

(Former laws relative to Lake Washington canal. Rem.-Bal. §§ 8146-8165, 5032a and 5032b; ch. 218, L. '09; Pierce's Code, 1912, 437 §§ 263-297; see also § 8, ch. 62 *supra*.)

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

SECTION 1. In every case where the State of Washington has heretofore sold to any purchaser from the state any second class shore lands bordering upon navigable waters of this state by description wherein the water boundary of the land so purchased is not defined, such water boundary shall be held and is hereby declared to be the line of ordinary navigation in such water; and whenever such waters have heretofore been or shall hereafter be lowered by any action done or authorized either by the State of Washington or the United States such water boundary shall thereafter be held and is hereby declared to be the line of ordinary navigation as the same shall be found in such waters after such lowering, and there is hereby granted and confirmed to every such purchaser, his heirs and assigns, all such lands: *Provided, however,* That this act shall not apply to such portions of such second class shore lands which shall as hereinafter provided be selected by the commissioner of public lands of the State of Washington for harbor areas, slips, docks, wharves, warehouses, streets, avenues, parkways and boulevards, alleys, or other public purposes: *Provided, further,* That all shore lands and the bed of Lake Washington from the southerly margin of the plat of Lake Washington shore lands southerly along the westerly shore of said lake to a line three hundred feet south of and parallel with the east and west center line of section 35, township 24 north, range 4 east, W. M., are hereby reserved for public uses and are hereby

Water line to be boundary.

Lowered line new boundary

Dock sites reserved.

Certain parts of Lake Washington reserved for park.

granted and donated to the city of Seattle for public park, parkway and boulevard purposes, and as a part of its public park, parkway and boulevard system and any diversion or attempted diversion of such lands so donated from such purposes shall cause the title to said lands to revert to the state.

SEC. 2. That within twelve months after the taking effect of this act it shall be the duty of the commissioner of public lands to survey such second class shore lands and in platting such survey to designate thereon as selected for public use all of such shore lands as in the opinion of said commissioner of public lands is available, convenient or necessary to be selected for the use of the public as harbor areas and sites for slips, docks, wharves, warehouses, streets, avenues, parkways and boulevards, alleys and other public purposes. Upon the filing of such plat in the office of the commissioner of public lands, the title to all harbor area so selected shall remain in the state, the title to all selections for streets, avenues and alleys shall vest in any city or town within the corporate limits of which they may be then situate, otherwise in the county in which situate, the title to and control of any lands so selected and designated upon such plat for parkway and boulevard purposes shall, if the same lie outside of the corporate limits of any city or town and if the same form a part of the general parkway and boulevard system of a city of the first class, be in such city, the title to all selections for commercial waterway district purposes shall vest in the commercial waterway district in which situate, or for which selected, and the title to all selections for slips, docks, wharves, warehouses and other public purposes shall vest in the port district if they be situate in a port district, otherwise in the county in which situate.

Commissioner of Public Lands to survey and select dock sites, etc.

Title of streets and avenues.

Portions vest in waterway district.

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