

CHAPTER 145.

[S. B. 141.]

RELIEF OF PURCHASERS OF TIDE LANDS ON COLUMBIA RIVER WITHIN STATE OF OREGON.

AN ACT for the relief of certain persons, their successors or assigns or those asserting or claiming some right, title or interest by, through or under them to the tide lands sold, contracted or deeded by the State of Washington, which said tide lands are situated in the state of Oregon, providing a method of procedure to secure such relief and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. All persons, firms or corporations to whom the State of Washington has sold, contracted to sell or deeded tide lands along the Columbia river, which said tide lands are located within the State of Oregon and for which contracts or deeds have been issued therefor without right or authority and which conveyed no right, title or interest in and to said tide lands, because such tide lands were situated within the State of Oregon, and all persons, firms or corporations claiming an interest in said tide lands under and by virtue of any such sale, contract or deed of the State of Washington shall, upon the terms and conditions and in the manner hereinafter provided, be entitled to such relief as is provided for in the following sections of this act.

Relief
authorized.

SEC. 2. Any such person, firm or corporation holding a contract of sale or deed from the State of Washington for any tide lands located within the State of Oregon, or the assigns or the successors in interest of any such person, firm or corporation claiming or asserting any right by, through or under any such contract or deed, may file with the commissioner of public lands an application for the repayment to such person, firm or corporation of all of the moneys paid to the State of Washington pursuant to the provisions of any such sale, contract or deed. Such application shall set forth the name of the person, firm

Application
by contract
or deed
holders for
repayment.

or corporation demanding the relief herein provided for, an itemized statement of the moneys paid to the State of Washington under and by virtue of any such sale, contract or deed, a description of the tide lands sold or described in any such contract or deed, the date thereof and such other and further information as the commissioner of public lands may require. The applicant shall attach to such application a complete abstract of title of such tide lands, together with a copy of the contract or deed issued by the State of Washington and under and by virtue of which the relief is applied for, together with a waiver of any and all claims of any nature whatsoever against the State of Washington that such applicant may have by reason of any such sale, contract or deed. Such waiver shall be in such form as the commissioner of public lands shall prescribe.

Exhibits
attached.

Waiver of
claims.

Examination
by land com-
missioner.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing of any such application and papers thereto attached, as above provided, the commissioner of public lands shall examine the same. He shall also examine and compare the records and files of his office, and if after such examination of the application and the papers thereto attached, together with the records of his office relating thereto, he shall be fully satisfied that the lands sold or conveyed do not lie within the State of Washington, but are situated within the State of Oregon, and if he shall be satisfied that the person, firm or corporation presenting such application is the holder of any such contract or deed, or has succeeded to the rights of those to whom such contract or deed was issued, and are entitled to the relief demanded, he shall prepare a certificate setting forth such facts together with a description of the tide lands, the number of the contract or deed, the date thereof, the amount of moneys received by the state under and by virtue of such contract or deed and file the same with the state auditor: *Provided*, That the commissioner's refusal to issue a certificate as herein provided shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review.

Certificate
to be filed
with state
auditor.

Issuance of
warrants.

SEC. 4. The state auditor shall, when such a certificate is filed in his office by the commissioner of public lands, as

provided for in the preceding section, draw a warrant in favor of the applicant, as shown by the certificate of the commissioner of public lands and in the amount as set forth in such certificate payable to such applicant, and deliver the same to the commissioner of public lands, who shall in turn deliver the same to the applicant, taking his receipt therefor. Such receipt and the waiver heretofore provided for shall be attached together and filed in the office of the commissioner of public lands.

SEC. 5. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation, \$15,000.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1915.

Passed the House March 10, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1915.

CHAPTER 146.

[S. B. 139.]

EXEMPTION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES FROM TAXATION.

AN ACT relating to the exemption of certain property of schools and colleges from taxation and amending section 9099 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 9099 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 9099, by increasing exemption of colleges to 40 acres.

Section 9099. There shall be exempt from taxation in the State of Washington all property, real and personal, owned by any school or college in this state, supported in whole or in part by gifts, endowments or charity, the entire income of which said school or college, after paying the expenses thereof, is devoted to the purposes of such institution, and which is open to all persons upon equal terms:

Real and personal property exempt.