Effective immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 148.
[H. B. 300.]

PARKS AND PARKWAYS.

An Act relating to parks and parkways, and amending Section 10942 of Remington’s Compiled Statutes, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 157 of the Laws of 1923.

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

SECTION 1. That section 10942 of Remington’s Compiled Statutes as amended by section 1 of chapter 157 of the Laws of 1923, be amended to read as follows:

Section 10942. The state parks committee shall have power:

(1) To have the care, charge, control and supervision of all parks and parkways heretofore or hereafter acquired or set aside by the state for park or parkway purposes.

(2) To plant trees along public highways in the non-forested or other area of the state, and to care for the same.

(3) To adopt, promulgate, issue and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the use, care and administration of state parks and parkways. Every such rule and regulation shall become effective ten days after its adoption. The committee shall cause a copy of the rules and regulations to be kept posted in a conspicuous place in every state park to which the same are applicable, but failure to
post or keep any rule or regulation posted shall be no defense to any prosecution for the violation thereof.

(4) To permit the use of state parks and parkways by campers and the public generally under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed as aforesaid.

(4½) To clear, drain, grade, seed and otherwise improve and/or beautify any parks and parkways, and to erect structures, buildings, fireplaces, comfort stations and build and maintain paths, trails, and roadways through and/or on parks and parkways.

(5) To grant concessions in state parks and parkways, upon such rentals, fees or percentage of income or profits and for such terms, in no event longer than twenty years, and upon such conditions as shall be approved by the committee. No concession shall be granted which will prevent the public from having free access to the scenic attractions of any park or parkway, but the committee may in its discretion itself impose fees upon campers upon state parks and parkways. All fees received by the committee shall be deposited in the state park and parkway fund.

(6) To employ such assistance as it may deem necessary.

(7) To select and to purchase, lease or in any manner acquire for and in the name of the State of Washington such tracts of land, including shore and tide lands, for park and parkway purposes as it shall deem proper, subject to the following provisions: (a) No tract, except tracts acquired by donations or bequest, and tracts which abut upon a public highway, actually constructed or located or projected shall be acquired unless the acquisition thereof be specifically authorized by the legislature. (b) If the committee cannot acquire any tract which it is
authorized to acquire, at a price it deems reasonable, then the committee is hereby vested with power to obtain title thereto, or any part thereof, by condemnation. Such condemnation shall be conducted by the attorney general and the proceedings therefor, in so far as practicable, shall be any which now is or may hereafter be authorized for the condemnation of rights of way for state highways.

(8) To cooperate or join with the United States, any county or counties, city or cities of this state, or in any matter pertaining to the acquisition for park or parkway purposes of any area within this state not within the city limits of any city, and in the care, control or supervision of any park or parkway now or hereafter acquired which shall be so situated, and, when deemed advisable by the committee, to enter any contract in writing with any such public organization or organizations, its or their officer or officers or board or boards, to that end. All parks or parkways, to the acquisition or improvement of which the state shall have contributed or in whose care, control or supervision the state shall participate pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall in so far as practicable be governed by the provisions of this act, including the penal provisions thereof.

(9) To investigate and report to the governor on or before the first day of January next preceding the regular session of the legislature regarding any proposed park or parkway, and in such report to make recommendations respecting other regions in the State of Washington desirable for state park or parkway purposes, either on account of their historical interest, their natural beauty or otherwise.

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