

CHAPTER 126.

[H. B. 477.]

STATE FORESTS: REFORESTATION.

AN ACT providing for the acquiring of forest lands by the state forest board and authorizing the issuance and disposition of \$300,000.00 of utilities bonds of the State of Washington; amending section 3-b of chapter 288 of the Laws of 1927 and section 1 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1933.

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

Amends
§ 3-b, ch. 288,
Laws of
1927.

SECTION 1. That section 3-b of chapter 288 of the Laws of 1927 is hereby amended to read as follows:

County to
deed lands
to state.

Section 3-b. If any lands heretofore acquired, or which may hereafter be acquired, by any county through foreclosure of tax liens, or otherwise, come within the classification of lands described in section 3 of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1923, which can be used as state forest lands and if the state forest board deems such lands necessary for the purposes of this act, the counties shall, upon demand by the state forest board, deed such lands to the said board and said lands shall become a part of the state forest lands; and upon such deed being made the commissioner of public lands shall be notified and enter and note upon the records of his office such lands in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of chapter 154, Laws of 1923.

Lands held
in trust.

Such lands shall be held in trust and administered and protected by the said board under the provisions of chapter 154, Laws of 1923, or any amendments thereto. Any monies derived from the lease of such lands or from the sale of forest products, oils, gases, coal, minerals or fossils therefrom, shall be distributed as follows:

Monies from
lease of
lands.

(a) The expense incurred by the state for administration, reforestation and protection, shall be returned to the general fund of the state treasury. How distributed.

(b) Ten per centum thereof shall be placed in the forest development fund of the state treasury.

(c) Any balance remaining shall be paid to the county in which the lands are located to be paid, distributed and prorated to the various funds in the same manner as general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of such payment.

SEC. 2. That section 1 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1933 be amended to read as follows: Amends § 1, ch. 117, Laws of 1933.

Section 1. That for the purpose of acquiring, seeding, reforestation and administering lands for forests and of carrying out the provisions of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1923, the state forest board is authorized to issue and dispose of utility bonds of the State of Washington in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) in principal during the biennium expiring March 31, 1937: *Provided, however,* That no sum in excess of one dollar (\$1.00) per acre shall ever be paid or allowed either in cash, bonds, or otherwise, for any lands suitable for forest growth, but devoid of such, nor shall any sum in excess of three dollars (\$3.00) per acre be paid or allowed either in cash, bonds, or otherwise, for any lands adequately restocked with young growth. Issuance and disposal of utility bonds.

Passed the House March 10, 1935.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1935. Limitation of amount paid for forest growth.