

CHAPTER 231.

[H. B. 504.]

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR BUILDINGS AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

AN ACT providing funds for the construction of needful buildings at the state institutions of higher learning; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds and providing ways and means to pay said bonds; making an appropriation; providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of providing needful buildings at the state institutions of higher learning, the State Finance Committee is hereby authorized to issue, at any time prior to January 1, 1960, general obligation bonds of the State of Washington in the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), or so much thereof as shall be required to finance the program herein set out, to be paid and discharged within twenty (20) years of the date of issuance.

The State Finance Committee is authorized to prescribe the form of such bonds, and the time of sale of all or any portion or portions of such bonds, and the conditions of sale and issuance thereof: *Provided*, That none of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than the par value thereof, nor shall they bear interest at a rate in excess of three per cent (3%) per annum.

The bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the State of Washington and contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to the due date thereof under such terms and conditions as it may determine. The State Finance Committee may authorize the use of facsimile signatures in the issuance of the bonds.

Bond issue to provide funds for buildings at state institutions of higher learning.

Amount.

To be discharged within twenty years.

Form, sale and conditions of bonds.

Maximum interest.

Credit of state pledged.

Bonds may be called prior to due date.

Signatures.

Disposition of proceeds of sale.

SEC. 2. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized herein, together with all grants, donations, transferred funds and all other moneys which the State Finance Committee may direct the State Treasurer to deposit therein shall be deposited in the Higher Education Building Construction Fund.

Higher Education Building Construction Fund.

Appropriation from fund to State Finance Committee.

SEC. 3. The sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Higher Education Building Construction Fund to the State Finance Committee to be expended by the Committee for the payment of expense incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized herein and through allotments made, in its discretion, to the state institutions of higher learning for the purpose of constructing needful buildings.

Higher Education Building Bond Redemption Fund.

Retirement of bonds and interest payments.

SEC. 4. The Higher Education Building Bond Redemption Fund is hereby created in the state treasury, which fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The State Finance Committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the State Treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve (12) months to meet bond retirement and interest requirements and the State Treasurer shall thereupon deposit such amount in said Higher Education Building Bond Redemption Fund from moneys transmitted to the State Treasurer by the Tax Commission and certified by the Tax Commission to be sales tax collections and such amount certified by the State Finance Committee to the State Treasurer shall be a first and prior charge against all retail sales tax revenues of the State of Washington.

Mandamus action to compel performance.

The owner and holder of each of said bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require and compel the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

SEC. 5. The Legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds authorized herein and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

Additional means of raising revenue may be provided.

SEC. 6. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations.

Bonds are legal investment for state funds.

SEC. 7. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1950, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the State Constitution; and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the State Constitution, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

Act shall be submitted to people at general election.

SEC. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the House March 10, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1949.