

fore made, and all contributions or gifts so made shall be as valid as if made after the effective date hereof.

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CHAPTER 214.

[S. B. 303.]

FILING AND RECORDING—FEES.

AN ACT relating to filing and recording fees; making certain alterations therein; and amending sections 23.56.070, 36.18.010, 61.04.030 and 61.16.040, RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 23.56.070, RCW, as derived from section 1, chapter 99, Laws of 1925, Ex. Sess., is amended to read as follows:

Cooperative associations; filing articles of association and amendments.

For filing articles of association organized under this chapter there shall be paid to the secretary of state the sum of twenty-five dollars and for filing of an amendment thereof the sum of ten dollars. For filing the articles of association or an amendment thereto, the county auditor shall charge the sum of one dollar. Associations organized under this chapter shall not be subject to any corporation license fees excepting the fees hereinabove enumerated.

Exempt from other license fees.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 36.18.010, RCW, as derived from section 4, chapter 51, Laws of 1951, is amended to read as follows:

County auditors' fees. Chattel mortgages and contracts.

County auditors shall collect the following fees for their official services: For filing each chattel mortgage or conditional sale contract, and entering same as required by law, one dollar; for each as-

signment, modification, transfer, correction or release of chattel mortgage, conditional sale contract, or miscellaneous instrument, fifty cents;

For recording instruments, for the first page, legal size (eight and one-half by thirteen inches or less), one dollar and twenty-five cents; for each additional legal size page, fifty cents; for indexing each name over two, ten cents;

For marginal release of mortgage or lien, fifty cents;

For preparing and certifying copies, for the first legal size page, one dollar; for each additional legal size page, fifty cents;

For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or without seal, one dollar;

For issuing marriage license, five dollars, (this fee includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns and indexing);

For searching records per hour, two dollars;

For recording plats, twenty-five cents for each lot except cemetery plats for which the charge shall be ten cents per lot; also one dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: *Provided*, That there shall be a minimum fee of fifteen dollars per plat;

For filing of miscellaneous records, not listed above, one dollar;

For making marginal notations on original recording when blanket assignment or release of instrument is filed for record, each notation, twenty-five cents;

For recording of miscellaneous records, not listed above, for first legal size page, one dollar and twenty-five cents; for each additional legal size page, fifty cents.

SEC. 3. Section 61.04.030, RCW, as derived from section 2, chapter 284, Laws of 1943, is amended to read as follows:

Chattel mortgages; procedure of filing.

Upon receipt of a chattel mortgage, the auditor or secretary of state shall, upon payment of the proper fees therefor, indorse thereon the time of reception, the number thereof, and shall enter in a suitable book to be provided by him at the expense of his county or of the state, as the case may be, with an alphabetical index thereto, used exclusively for that purpose, ruled into separate columns with appropriate heads: "The time of filing;" "Name of mortgagor;" "Name of mortgagee;" "Date of instrument;" "Amount secured;" "When due;" and "Date of release." An index to the book shall be kept in the manner required for indexing deeds to real estate. The auditor and secretary of state shall each receive one dollar for each instrument so filed and the money so collected shall be accounted for as other fees of his office. In addition an assignment of chattel mortgage shall be construed as a separate instrument whether or not attached to the chattel mortgage. The auditor or secretary of state shall each receive fifty cents for filing such assignment, and the fees so received shall be accounted for in the same manner as money received for filing of the chattel mortgages. Such instruments shall remain on file for the inspection of the public.

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Amendment.

SEC. 4. Section 61.16.040, RCW, as derived from section 4, chapter 284, Laws of 1943, is amended to read as follows:

Mortgages and conditional sales contracts; certificate of satisfaction.

Whenever any mortgage or contract of conditional sale of personal property, or lease thereof, which was filed or recorded with the county auditor or secretary of state, is paid, or the conditions thereof satisfied, the mortgagee or vendor or his assignee or personal representatives, shall make to the mortgagor or vendee, his assignee or personal representatives, a certificate signed and acknowledged by him, stating the date of the mortgage or contract, the names of the parties thereto, the auditor's or the

secretary's file number thereof, and that it has been discharged in full, and shall file or record the certificate with the officer with whom the mortgage or contract is filed. The officer shall deliver the mortgage or contract to the person producing the certificate on payment of the proper fee for filing or recording it and shall file it in his office, endorsing thereon the date of filing, and shall keep and preserve it among the records in his office, and shall write the word "satisfied" with the date opposite the mortgage or contract, in the index in which such mortgage or contract is entered under the heading "release." The secretary of state shall be paid a fee of fifty cents for each release or satisfaction of a chattel mortgage filed with him.

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procedure.

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