

ment of natural resources with respect to such acquisition or management, upon condition that such agency reimburse the department for the cost of such services.

SEC. 27. All employees of the department of natural resources shall be governed by any merit system which is now or may hereafter be enacted by law governing such employment.

Employee's merit system.

SEC. 28. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Severability.

SEC. 29. 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 February 16, 1957.

Pased the Senate February 25, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1957.

CHAPTER 39.

[H. B. 119.]

CEMETERY DISTRICTS

AN ACT relating to cemetery districts; and amending section 13, chapter 6, Laws of 1947 and RCW 68.16.130.

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

SECTION 13, chapter 6, Laws of 1947 and RCW 68.16.130 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 68.16.130 amended.

(1) A cemetery district organized under this chapter shall have power to acquire, establish, maintain, manage, improve and operate cemeteries and conduct any and all of the businesses of a cemetery

Powers to do cemetery business.

as defined in this title. A cemetery district shall constitute a cemetery authority as defined in this title and shall have and exercise all powers conferred thereby upon a cemetery authority and be subject to the provisions thereof.

Districts may embrace certain third and fourth class cities.

(2) A cemetery district may include within its boundaries the lands embraced within the corporate limits of third class cities in counties of the fourth class, or within the corporate limits of fourth class towns in the classes of counties enumerated in RCW 68.16.010, and in any such cases the district may acquire any cemetery or cemeteries theretofore maintained and operated by any such city or town and proceed to maintain, manage, improve and operate the same under the provisions hereof. In such event the governing body of the city or town, after the transfer takes place, shall levy no cemetery tax.

Passed the House February 1, 1957.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1957.



CHAPTER 40.

[S. B. 77.]

CONVEYANCE OF TIDELANDS TO PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR.

AN ACT relating to certain tidelands in Grays Harbor county; authorizing and directing the governor to execute and the secretary of state to attest a deed to said tidelands to the port of Grays Harbor; amending section 4, chapter 27, Laws of 1913 (uncodified); and adding to chapter 27, Laws of 1913, a new section to be known as section 5.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 27, Laws of 1913 (uncodified), is amended to read as follows:

All of the tidelands described in section 1 of this

1913 c 27 § 4 amended. Tideland grant.