CHAPTER 255.
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ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR STATE PURPOSES—BONDS.

An Act relating to state government; providing for the construction and equipment of buildings by the department of general administration and for the financing thereof by the issuance and sale of revenue bonds payable from a special fund into which shall be paid rentals received from leasing such buildings or space therein; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The director of the department of general administration is authorized to acquire such sites and construct such buildings, and acquire such furnishings and equipment therefor, as may be necessary for the housing of departments, institutions, commissions, elected officials, and other state agencies of the state of Washington.

SEC. 2. The acquisition of sites, the final plans and the construction shall be subject to the approval of the state capitol committee when a proposed building is to be located in Thurston county. When the proposed building is for the purpose of housing a branch agency of state government outside Thurston county, the acquisition of a site, the final plans, and the construction shall be subject to the approval of
the agency or agencies for whom the building is being constructed.

Sec. 3. The acquisition of any real property or any rights or interests therein for the purpose of this act is hereby declared to be for a public use. In furtherance of the purposes of this act, the right of eminent domain may be exercised as provided for in chapter 8.04 RCW.

Sec. 4. To provide funds for the acquisition of sites, the construction of buildings, the acquisition of furnishings and equipment therefor, and to pay interest on the revenue bonds authorized to be issued by this act during the estimated period of such construction and for six months after completion of such construction, if required, there shall be issued and sold revenue bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of five million dollars or such amount thereof as determined to be necessary by the director of the department of general administration.

The issuance and sale of the bonds shall be under the supervision and control of the state finance committee. The state finance committee, in its discretion, may provide for the issuance of coupon or registered bonds to be dated, issued, and sold at the request of the director at such time or times and in such amount or amounts as may be necessary to finance the program authorized in this act.

Each bond shall be made payable at any time not exceeding forty years from date of issuance, with such reserved rights of prior redemption, bearing such rate of interest, payable semiannually or annually, and with such terms, conditions, and covenants to safeguard the security and the rights of the holders thereof, including any provision for reserves, as the state finance committee may prescribe to be specified therein. The bonds may be payable at such places and be in such denominations
as the committee may prescribe. All such bonds shall be fully negotiable.

SEC. 5. The bonds shall be signed by the governor and the state auditor under the seal of the state, one of which signatures shall be made manually and the other signature may be in printed facsimile, and any coupons may have printed or lithographic facsimile of the signatures of such officers. A lithographed facsimile reproduction of the seal of the state may be imprinted on the bonds in lieu of manually affixing an impression of the original seal.

SEC. 6. The bonds may be sold in such manner and amounts, at such times, and on such terms and conditions as the state finance committee may prescribe: Provided, That, if the bonds are sold to any persons other than the state of Washington, they shall be sold at public sale, and the state finance committee shall cause the sale to be advertised in such manner as it shall deem sufficient.

The bonds shall be sold for not less than par value.

The bonds shall be a legal investment for all state funds (except the permanent school fund) or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations, and shall be legal security for all state, county, and municipal deposits.

SEC. 7. Any of such bonds may be registered in the name of the holder on presentation to the state treasurer or at the fiscal agency of the state of Washington in New York City, as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest, under such regulations as the state treasurer may prescribe.

SEC. 8. Bonds issued under provisions of this act shall distinctly state that they are not a general obligation of the state of Washington, but are pay-
able solely out of revenues in the manner provided in this act.

Sec. 9. There is hereby created within the state treasury a special fund to be known as the "general administration construction fund" in which shall be deposited all moneys arising from the sale of such bonds, and all other moneys which may become available for carrying out the purposes of this act, provided, that from the moneys arising from the sale of such bonds there may be deposited in the general administration bond redemption fund an amount equal to the interest accruing on such bonds during the estimated period of construction of the project for which such bonds are issued and for six months after the completion of such construction. All such bonds shall be designated as to the project for which they are issued and the proceeds thereof shall be used solely for that project, and for the payment of the expense incurred in the printing, issuance and sale of such bonds and to pay interest on such bonds for the period aforesaid.

The state finance committee is authorized to invest the proceeds from the sale of such bonds in short term securities of the United States government: Provided, That such investment will not impede the orderly progress of the project for which the bonds were issued. The interest from such investments shall be deposited in the general administration bond redemption fund to the credit of the particular project involved.

Sec. 10. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated to the department of general administration from the general administration construction fund the sum of five million dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary.
SEC. 11. All office or other space made available through the provisions of this act shall be leased by the director to such state agencies, for such rental, and on such terms and conditions as he deems advisable.

The director is authorized to lease office or other space in any project to the federal government, or any agency thereof, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

There is hereby created within the treasury a special fund to be known as the "general administration bond redemption fund" in which all rentals shall be deposited. In the event bonds are issued for more than one project, the rentals from each project will be maintained as separate accounts. The funds in this account or accounts shall be used to meet principal and interest payments when due on the bonds issued to finance the specific project for which each such account was created until all of such bonds and interest thereon have been paid.

The bonds shall include a covenant that the payment or redemption thereof and the interest thereon are secured by a first and direct charge and lien on the rentals deposited in the general administration bond redemption fund, as aforesaid, and received from the project for which the bonds were issued. Such rentals shall be pledged by the state for such purpose.

SEC. 12. There is hereby established within the state treasury a reserve fund to be known as the "general administration bond redemption guarantee fund”. All unobligated rental income collected by the department of general administration from rental of state buildings shall be deposited in the general administration bond redemption guarantee fund until a total of two hundred thousand dollars is on deposit in said fund after which all unobligated rental income shall be deposited in the general fund.
If at any time there is insufficient money in the general administration bond redemption fund to make any payments of interest or principal due on any bonds payable from such fund, the state treasurer shall transfer from such general administration bond redemption guarantee fund to the general administration bond redemption fund an amount sufficient to meet such payments.

Sec. 13. The director of the department of general administration is authorized to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers and duties expressly provided in this act.

Sec. 14. 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.

Sec. 15. 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.

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