CHAPTER 56 [House Bill No. 481] WATER DISTRICTS--PROPERTY DISPOSITION AUTHORITY--PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to special districts; and adding a new chapter to Title 57 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Subject to the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act, any water district created under the provisions of this title may sell, transfer, exchange, lease or otherwise dispose of any property, real or personal, or property rights, including but not limited to the title to real property, to a public utility district in the same county on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon by the commissioners of each district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. No water district shall dispose of its property to a public utility district unless the respective commissioners of each district shall determine by resolution that such disposition is in the public interest and conducive to the public health, welfare and convenience. Copies of each resolution together with copies of the proposed disposition agreement shall be filed with the legislative authority of the county in which the water district is located, and with the superior court of that county. Unless the proposed agreement provides otherwise, any outstanding indebtedness of any form, owed by the water district, shall remain the obligation of the area of the water district and the public utility district commissioners shall be empowered to make such levies, assessments or charges upon that area or the water users therein as shall pay off the indebtedness at maturity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Within ninety days after the resolutions and proposed agreement have been filed with the court, the court shall fix a date for a hearing and shall direct that notice of the hearing be given by publication. After reviewing the proposed agreement and considering other evidence presented at the hearing, the court may determine by decree that the proposed disposition is in the public interest and conducive to the public health, welfare and convenience. In addition, the decree shall authorize the payment of all or a portion of the indebtedness of the water district relating to property disposed of under such decree. Pursuant to the court decree, the water district shall dispose of its property under the terms of the disposition agreement with the public utility district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall

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constitute a new chapter in Title 57 RCW.

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## CHAPTER 57

## [House Bill No. 492] REAL ESTATE COMMISSION--COURSE CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to real estate and brokers and salesmen thereof; and amending section 2, chapter 252, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 139, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 18.85.010.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 252, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 139, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 18.85.010 are each amended to read as follows:

In this chapter words and phrases have the following meanings unless otherwise apparent from the context:

(1) "Real estate broker," or "broker," means a natural or artificial person, acting independently, who for commissions or other compensation, engages in the purchase, sale, exchange, rental, or negotiation therefor, of real estate, or interests including leases and/or options therein, and for business opportunities or interest therein, belonging to others, or sale of any interest in any formal or informal association in which the purchaser acquires use of real property unless the offering is registered with the state of Washington, or holds himself out to the public as being so engaged;

(2) "Real estate salesman" or "salesman" means any natural person who represents a real estate broker in any of his activities;

(3) An "associate real estate broker" is a person who has qualified as a "real estate broker" who works with a broker and whose license states that he is associated with a broker;

(4) The word "person" as used in this chapter shall be construed to mean and include a corporation or copartnership, except where otherwise restricted;

(5) "Business opportunity" shall mean and include business, business opportunity and good will of an existing business or any one or combination thereof;

(6) "Commission" means the real estate commission of the state of Washington;