

the authority against loss. The premium on any such bond shall be paid by the authority.

All authority funds shall be paid to the treasurer and shall be disbursed by the treasurer only on warrants issued by the county auditor, upon orders or vouchers approved by the authority. However, the authority may, by resolution, designate some person having experience in financial or fiscal matters, other than the county auditor, as the auditor of the authority. Such an auditor shall possess all of the powers, responsibilities, and duties that the county auditor possesses for a public transportation benefit area authority related to creating and maintaining funds, issuing warrants, and maintaining a record of receipts and disbursements.

The treasurer shall establish a "transportation fund," into which shall be paid all authority funds, and the treasurer shall maintain such special accounts as may be created by the authority into which shall be placed all money as the authority may, by resolution, direct.

If the treasurer of the authority is a treasurer of the county, all authority funds shall be deposited with the county depository under the same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county depositories. If the treasurer of the authority is some other person, all funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks authorized to do business in this state that have qualified for insured deposits under any federal deposit insurance act as the authority, by resolution, shall designate.

An authority may provide and require a reasonable bond of any other person handling moneys or securities of the authority, but the authority shall pay the premium on the bond.

The county or counties and each city or town which is included in the authority shall contribute such sums towards the expense for maintaining and operating the public transportation system as shall be agreed upon between them.

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CHAPTER 152

[House Bill No. 925]

UNIFORM CONFLICT OF LAWS—LIMITATION ACT

AN ACT Relating to the Uniform Conflict of Laws—Limitations act; and adding a new chapter to Title 4 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Claim" means a right of action that may be asserted in a civil action or proceeding and includes a right of action created by statute.

(2) "State" means a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a foreign country, or a political subdivision of any of them.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. CONFLICT OF LAWS-----LIMITATION PERIODS. (1) Except as provided by section 4 of this act, if a claim is substantively based:

(a) Upon the law of one other state, the limitation period of that state applies; or

(b) Upon the law of more than one state, the limitation period of one of those states, chosen by the law of conflict of laws of this state, applies.

(2) The limitation period of this state applies to all other claims.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RULES APPLICABLE TO COMPUTATION OF LIMITATION PERIOD. If the statute of limitations of another state applies to the assertion of a claim in this state, the other state's relevant statutes and other rules of law governing tolling and accrual apply in computing the limitation period, but its statutes and other rules of law governing conflict of laws do not apply.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. UNFAIRNESS. If the court determines that the limitation period of another state applicable under sections 2 and 3 of this act is substantially different from the limitation period of this state and has not afforded a fair opportunity to sue upon, or imposes an unfair burden in defending against, the claim, the limitation period of this state applies.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. EXISTING AND FUTURE CLAIMS. This chapter applies to claims:

(1) Accruing after the effective date of this act; or

(2) Asserted in a civil action or proceeding more than one year after the effective date of this act, but it does not revive a claim barred before the effective date of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. This chapter shall be applied and construed to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this chapter among states enacting it.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Uniform Conflict of Laws—Limitations Act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. SEVERABILITY. 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Section captions used in this act constitute no part of the law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 4 RCW.

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CHAPTER 153

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3066]

AQUATIC LANDS—LEASES—RENT DISTRIBUTION

AN ACT Relating to public lands; amending section 79, chapter 21, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 8, Laws of 1982 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 79.92.110; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 79, chapter 21, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 8, Laws of 1982 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 79.92.110 are each amended to read as follows:

The rents paid under leases of harbor areas and tidelands belonging to the state of Washington, where not otherwise directed to a particular account, shall be disposed of as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, where the leased harbor area or tideland is situated within the territorial limits of a port district, twenty-five percent of the rentals received from such leases shall be paid by the state treasurer to the county treasurer of the county wherein such port district is situated for the use of such port district and said rental shall go into a special fund to be expended only for harbor or waterfront improvement purposes. The remaining seventy-five percent shall be deposited in the capitol purchase and development account of the general fund of the state treasury: PROVIDED, That in cases where the port district itself shall have before April 28, 1967, constructed or owned structures or improvements situate upon the leased harbor area, or tidelands, the entire rentals from such improved harbor area or tideland shall go to the port district: PROVIDED FURTHER, That whenever the port district shall after April 28, 1967, construct improvements on such leased harbor area or tidelands, the rental attributable to such improvements shall go to the port district.

(2) In all other cases twenty-five percent of the rents shall be paid by the state treasurer into the county treasury of the county in which the leased harbor area or tidelands are situated, the same to go into a special fund known as the "harbor improvement fund", and to be disbursed only for harbor or harbor improvement purposes; and the remaining seventy-five percent shall be deposited in the capitol purchase and development account of the general fund of the state treasury: PROVIDED, That where any