

tion in the city or town of all notices or newspaper publications required by law. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Award to lowest responsible bidder.

SEC. 2. Sections 35.24.270 and 35.24.280, R.C.W., being section 31, chapter 184, Laws of 1915, and section 35.27.360, R.C.W., being section 166, chapter VII, Laws of 1889-1890, and sections 35.23.350 and 35.23.360, R.C.W., being section 52, chapter 241, Laws of 1907, are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

[R.C.W. 35.24.270 was derived from the last two sentences of R.R.S. § 9145.]

[R.C.W. 35.24.280 was derived from beginning through the proviso of R.R.S. § 9145.]

[R.C.W. 35.27.360 is Rem. Supp. 1947, § 9185.]

[R.C.W. 35.23.350 was derived from the last two sentences of R.R.S. § 9055.]

[R.C.W. 35.23.360 was derived from all of R.R.S. § 9055 except the last two sentences thereof.]

Passed the Senate March 8, 1951.

Passed the House March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1951.

## CHAPTER 212.

[ S. B. 242. ]

### IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—ASSESSMENTS.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts, and to the levy and collection of assessments; amending section 87.01.060, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.01.060, R.C.W., as derived from section 4, chapter 138, Laws of 1923, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Whenever public lands of the state are situated in or taken into an irrigation district they shall be treated the same as other lands, except as hereinafter provided. The commissioner of public lands shall be served with a copy of the petition proposing to include such lands, together with a map of the district State lands within irrigation districts.

Petition of inclusion.

Commissioner of public lands; consent or objection to inclusion.

and notice of the time and place of hearing thereon, at least thirty days before the hearing, and if he determines that such lands will be benefited by being included in the district he shall give his consent thereto in writing. If he determines that they will not be benefited he shall file with the board a statement of his objections thereto.

Inclusion within existing district; procedure.

Any public lands of the state which are situated within the boundaries of an irrigation district, but which were not included in the district at the time of its organization, may be included after a hearing as herein provided.

Request for inclusion.

Whenever the commissioner or any interested person desires to have state public lands included in an existing district, he shall file a request to that effect in writing with the district board, which shall thereupon fix a time and place for hearing the request and post notice thereof in three public conspicuous places in the district, one of which shall be at the place of hearing, at least twenty days before the hearing, and send by registered mail a copy of the notice to the commissioner. The notice shall describe the lands to be included and direct all persons objecting to such inclusion to appear at the time and place stated and present their objections. At the hearing the district board shall consider all objections and may adjourn to a later date, and by resolution determine the matter, and its determination shall be final: *Provided*, That no such lands shall be included in a district without the written consent of the commissioner of public lands.

Hearing.

Notice.

Contents of notice.

Objections.

Consent of commissioner necessary.

Included public lands subject to assessments.

Any public lands of the state situated in any irrigation district shall be subject to the provisions of the laws of this state relating to the collection of irrigation district assessments to the same extent and in the same manner in which lands of like character held under private ownership are subject thereto and the state land commissioner, the department of

conservation and development or other state department having jurisdiction over the public lands subjected to such irrigation district assessments are hereby authorized to make payment of such irrigation district assessments at the time they become due.

Payment of assessments.

When state lands are included in a district they shall receive their proportionate share of water the same as other lands, upon payment by the state of such sums at such times as may be agreed upon between the commissioner and the district. In determining such sums, they shall consider the age of the district and the condition of its irrigation system, and place the lands on an equality with other lands in the district as to benefits, giving credit for any sums paid as water rent by any occupant thereof prior thereto, and the lands shall be subject to all taxes and assessments thereafter imposed: *Provided*, That no special assessments for purposes other than the payment of principal and interest on bonds or maintenance shall be levied against the lands while under state ownership without the written consent of the commissioner.

Receipt of water upon payment of agreed sums.

Credit.

Limitation on special assessments.

No state lands in a district shall be sold for delinquencies, but in case of delinquency the amount of the assessment shall be certified by the treasurer of the county in which the lands are situated to the commissioner who shall certify the same to the state auditor, who shall, unless the assessments have been paid in the meantime, certify to the next session of the legislature the amount of the assessments and the legislature shall provide for their payment with interest, by appropriation out of the general fund, and the amount so paid shall be added to the appraised value of the lands against which the delinquent assessments were certified and shall be collected the same as assessments on state lands for diking and drainage improvements. The certificate

Delinquencies; land may not be sold for.

Same; how paid.

of the county treasurer shall contain a legal description of the lands and the amount of the assessments against each tract, separately stated.

[Am. R.R.S. § 7419.]

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Passed the House March 6, 1951.

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CHAPTER 213.

[ S. B. 287. ]

WEED EXTERMINATION AREAS—RULES AND METHODS.  
AN ACT relating to noxious weeds; and amending section 17.08.070, R.C.W.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 17.08.070, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 194, Laws of 1937, is amended to read as follows:

Methods and rules may be modified.

Methods and rules to be followed in extermination areas may be changed or modified by the authority setting up the areas whenever in their judgment a change is justified, practical, and in the interest of the public welfare. Upon the determination of methods, rules and regulations to be followed in any area, the boards and the director shall publish such methods, rules, and regulations weekly for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county in which the area is located and of general circulation in the county.

Publication.

[R.C.W. 17.08.070 was derived from the 3rd para. of R.R.S. § 2778-14.]

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