

## CHAPTER 125

[Engrossed House Bill No. 337]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS--  
ABANDONED RIGHTS OF WAY, DISPOSITION

AN ACT Relating to irrigation and other districts; adding a new section to chapter 57.90 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 87.03 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 57.90 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever as the result of abandonment of an irrigation district right of way real property held by an irrigation district is to be sold or otherwise disposed of, notice shall be given to the owners of lands adjoining that real property and such owners shall have a right of first refusal to purchase at the appraised price all or any part of the real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of which adjoins or is adjacent to their land.

Real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of under this section shall have been first appraised by the county assessor or by a person designated by him.

Notice under this section shall be sufficient if sent by registered mail to the owner, and at the address, as shown in the tax records of the county in which the land is situated. Notice under this section shall be in addition to any other notice required by law.

After sixty days from the date of sending of notice, if no applications for purchase have been received by the irrigation district or other person or entity sending notice, the rights of first refusal of owners of adjoining lands shall be deemed to have been waived, and the real property may be sold or otherwise disposed of.

If two or more owners of adjoining lands apply to purchase the same real property, or apply to purchase overlapping parts of the real property, the respective rights of the applicants may be determined in the superior court of the county in which the real property is situated; and the court may divide the real property in question between some or all of the applicants or award the whole to one applicant, as justice may require.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 87.03 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever real property held by an irrigation district is to be sold or otherwise disposed of, notice shall be given to the owners of lands adjoining that real property and such owners shall have a preference right to the purchase of all or any part of the real

property to be sold or otherwise disposed of which adjoins or is adjacent to their land.

Notice under this section shall be sufficient if sent by registered mail to the owner, and at the address, as shown in the tax records of the county in which the land is situated. Notice under this section shall be in addition to any other notice required by law.

After sixty days from the date of sending of notice, if no applications for purchase have been received by the irrigation district or other person or entity sending notice, the preference rights of owners of adjoining lands shall be deemed to have been waived, and the real property may be sold or otherwise disposed of.

If two or more owners of adjoining lands apply to purchase the same real property, or apply to purchase overlapping parts of the real property, the respective rights of the applicants may be determined in the superior court of the county in which the real property is situated; and the court may divide the real property in question between some or all of the applicants or award the whole to one applicant, as justice may required.

Any sale or other disposal of real property pursuant to chapters 87.52, 87.53, and 87.56 RCW shall be made in accordance with the requirements of this section.

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#### CHAPTER 126

[House Bill No. 53]

MOTOR VEHICLES--

CLASSIFIED DRIVERS' LICENSES

AN ACT Relating to classified drivers licenses; amending section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 100, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 46.20.440; and amending section 3, chapter 20, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 63, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.20.460.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 100, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 46.20.440 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for a person to operate (~~for~~