

CHAPTER LXXIII.

[S. B. No. 231.]

RELATING TO APPEALS FROM BOARD OF STATE
LAND COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT limiting the time in which appeals from the board of state land commissioners to the superior court shall be prosecuted.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases involving the prior privilege of purchase of tide lands of the first class, wherein appeals have been or shall be taken from any decision of the board of state land commissioners to the superior court, and in which no trial has been or shall be had in said superior court for a period of time exceeding two years after the date of the taking of such appeal, the preference privilege of purchase given to the abutting upland owners and to improvers of such tide lands, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be withdrawn and cancelled: *Provided, however,* That before any such withdrawal or cancellation shall take place or effect as to any tide lands involved in any such appeal now pending a notice of ninety days shall be given to all parties to the appeal by the attorney general on behalf of the state of the intention of the state to enforce such withdrawal and cancellation.

SEC. 2. The attorney general of the state is authorized and directed to enter, on behalf of the state, motions of dismissal in all such appeals now pending or hereafter to be prosecuted: *Provided, however,* That as to appeals hereafter taken thirty days notice shall be given by the attorney general to the parties to such appeal of the intention of the state to enforce such withdrawal and cancellation.

SEC. 3. All lands so withdrawn shall be re-appraised and sold in the manner prescribed by law for the appraisal and sale of unapplied-for tide lands of the first class.

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