

CHAPTER 184.

[H. B. 281.]

COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS.

AN ACT relating to county and district fairs; authorizing counties to participate in district fairs; and amending chapter 32, Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 83, Laws of 1923, and chapter 101, Laws of 1943, (secs. 2750 to 2753½, inclusive, Rem. Rev. Stat.; secs. 473-13 to 473-21, inclusive, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 32, Laws of 1917 (sec. 2750, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 473-13, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The holding of "county fairs" and agricultural exhibitions of stock, cereals and agricultural produce of all kinds, including dairy produce, as well as arts and manufactures, by any county in the state, and the participation by any county in a district fair or agricultural exhibition, is hereby declared to be in the interest of public good and a strictly county purpose.

County fairs
declared in
public
interest.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 32, Laws of 1917 (sec. 2751, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 473-15, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of any county in the state may acquire by gift, devise, purchase, condemnation and purchase, or otherwise, lands, property rights, leases or easements and all kinds of personal property and own and hold the same and construct and maintain temporary or permanent improvements suitable and necessary for the purpose of holding and maintaining county or district fairs for the exhibition of county or district resources and products.

Acquisition
of property.

Construction
of improve-
ments.

SEC. 3. The section added to chapter 32, Laws of 1917, by section 2, chapter 83, Laws of 1923, as amended by section 1, chapter 101, Laws of 1943,

and designated in said section 2, chapter 83, Laws of 1923 as "section 2753 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (sec. 2753 $\frac{1}{2}$, Rem. Rev. Stat., 1943 Supp.; sec. 473-21, PPC) is hereby re-numbered as section 5, and is amended to read as follows:

Expenditures
authorized.

Section 5. The Board of County Commissioners of any county is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00 in any one year, to be used only for the purpose of acquiring necessary grounds for said county or district fair, the construction of buildings thereon, the improvement of the same, and premiums.

SEC. 4. Chapter 32, Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 83, Laws of 1923, and chapter 101, Laws of 1943, is hereby amended by the addition thereto of an additional section to be known as section 6, reading as follows:

Counties
may hold
fairs.

Section 6. Each county is hereby authorized to hold one county fair in each year, or, as an alternative, to participate with any other county or counties in the holding of a district fair. Where counties participate in the holding of a district fair, the Boards of County Commissioners of each of said participating counties may enter into mutual agreements setting forth the manner and extent of the participation by each county in the management and support of said district fair, subject to the limitations imposed on each respective county by the provisions of this act.

Agreements
for joint
participation.

Passed the House February 27, 1947.

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