

CHAPTER 224.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 132.]

TACOMA ARMORY.

AN ACT relating to state government; authorizing the sale, lease or exchange of the Tacoma armory and the acquisition of a new armory or armories.

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

Tacoma arm-
ory. Sale.

Section 1. The Washington state military department is hereby authorized to sell, lease or exchange to Pierce county, state of Washington, the present state armory land and buildings in the city of Tacoma, at 715 South 11th Street legally described as Lots 1 through 12, Block 1015, Plat of New Tacoma, Pierce county, Washington, which sale, lease or exchange shall be by and under the direction of the adjutant general in accordance with the procedures provided by law: *Provided*, That in the opinion of the adjutant general the appraised value of said land and buildings is in a sum which together with other funds available to the state military department will provide sufficient funds for the purchase of real property and the construction of a new armory or armories.

Before any sale under the provisions of this act shall be made the property shall be appraised by two independent competent real estate appraisers. Any sale pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be made to the best bidder for a price not less than the appraised value of said property and pursuant to a call for bids published at least fifteen days prior to the date fixed for the sale in one issue of a newspaper printed and published in the county in which the armory is located.

The proceeds of the sale or exchange of said property shall be transmitted by the adjutant general to the state treasurer *to be held by him in a*

special account to be known as the Tacoma armory fund. In the event the armory is leased the proceeds of such lease shall be deposited as revenue to the armory fund of the military department.

Sec. 2. Upon the sale or exchange of the property described in section 1 of this act the state military department may select a site or sites for a new armory or armories in Pierce county and may acquire lands and buildings or acquire lands and construct new buildings for such purpose and may furnish and equip such buildings for military purposes.

Selection of
new site.

Sec. 3. The disposition of the present armory and the acquisition of a new armory or armories shall in all respects be subject to the approval of the governor.

Approval of
governor.

Passed the House March 8, 1967.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967, with the exception of an item in Section 1 which was vetoed.

NOTE: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"The purpose of this bill is to authorize the sale of the Tacoma armory at such time as there may be sufficient money in hand from the sale or other sources to replace the armory in Pierce County.

"The bill contains several safeguards to assure this result. One of the redundant safeguards is the establishment of a special account in the treasury to hold the proceeds of the sale.

"I fully agree with the legislative intent that if the armory is sold the funds should be used only for the replacement of the armory. I am satisfied that this can be accomplished without setting up one more special accounting entity in our already too cumbersome fund structure. This matter has been discussed with the prime sponsor of the bill, and with his agreement I am vetoing the language establishing this special fund. I have therefore vetoed certain language in the third paragraph of Section 1. The remainder of House Bill 132 is approved."

DANIEL J. EVANS,
Governor.