

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 14

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3132]

MORTGAGES—FAILURE OF MORTGAGEE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SATISFACTION—DAMAGES AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEE TO MORTGAGOR

AN ACT Relating to mortgages; and amending section 2, page 117, Laws of 1886 and RCW 61.16.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, page 117, Laws of 1886 and RCW 61.16.030 are each amended to read as follows:

If the mortgagee (~~shall~~) fails (~~so to do~~) to acknowledge satisfaction of the mortgage as provided in RCW 61.16.020 sixty days from the date of such request or demand, he shall forfeit and pay to the mortgagor (~~the sum of twenty-five dollars~~) damages and a reasonable attorneys' fee, to be recovered in any court having competent jurisdiction, and said court, when convinced that said mortgage has been fully satisfied, shall issue an order in writing, directing the auditor to cancel said mortgage, and the auditor shall immediately record the order and cancel the mortgage as directed by the court, upon the margin of the page upon which the mortgage is recorded, making reference thereupon to the order of the court and to the page where the order is recorded.

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CHAPTER 15

[Senate Bill No. 4341]

SPECIAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE—MINIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES—REQUIREMENT REMOVED

AN ACT Relating to special district employee group insurance; and amending section 8, chapter 245, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 1, chapter 233, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.04.050.

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

Sec. 1. Section 8, chapter 245, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 1, chapter 233, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.04.050 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any public utility district engaged in the operation of electric or water utilities may enter into contracts of group insurance for the benefit of its employees, and pay all or any part of the premiums for such insurance. Such premiums shall be paid out of the revenues derived from the operation of such properties: PROVIDED, (~~That no contract shall be entered into for the benefit of a group of less than ten employees: AND PROVIDED FURTHER;~~) That if the premium is to be paid by the district and employees jointly, and the benefits of the policy are offered to all eligible employees, not less than seventy-five percent of such employees may be so insured.

(2) A public utility district whose employees or officials are not members of the state retirement system engaged in the operation of electric or water utilities may contract for individual annuity contracts, retirement income policies or group annuity contracts, including prior service, to provide a retirement plan, or any one or more of them, and pay all or any part of the premiums therefor out of the revenue derived from the operation of its properties.

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CHAPTER 16

[Senate Bill No. 4342]

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AUTOMATION MASTER PLAN—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to the employment security department; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is appropriated from the unemployment compensation administration fund—federal to the employment security department for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars to assist in the department's implementation of its automation master plan.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. No part of the money appropriated under this act may be obligated after June 30, 1985.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The amount obligated pursuant to this act during any twelve month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 shall not exceed the amount by which (1) the aggregate of the amounts