

CHAPTER 5.

[ H. B. 9. ]

SALES OF REALTY TO GOVERNMENTAL UNIT—  
ENFORCEMENT OF PRIOR LIENS.

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; and providing for the collection of taxes and assessments on real property sold to the state of Washington or to any of its political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Any sale of real property to the state of Washington, or to any of its political subdivisions or agencies, shall not be valid as against the lien of any tax or assessment levied by any county, municipal corporation, or other tax or assessment levying public body, when the lien of such tax or assessment has attached to the property prior to the sale, and any such tax or assessment lien may be enforced against the property sold in the same manner as if the property were owned by a private person.

Priority of lien of tax or assessment; enforcement.

Passed the House March 20, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 22, 1955.

Approved by the Governor April 4, 1955.

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CHAPTER 6.

[ H. B. 12. ]

WASHINGTON-OREGON BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to the Washington-Oregon Boundary Commission amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 27, Laws of 1937, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 27, Laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

The true location of the boundary line between the states of Oregon and Washington in the Colum-

Boundary line in doubt.

bia River and particularly at points on said river where dams and bridges have been and are being constructed, has been and is in doubt. Said boundary line being fixed by Article XXIV of the State Constitution with reference to the middle channel and widest channel of the Columbia River, the location of which frequently changes by reason of the action of the winds, tides and currents, is extremely difficult to fix and determine at any given time. The definite and final establishment of the location of such boundary line with relation to fixed monuments located on the adjacent upland is therefore of great economic and political importance to both interested states and their citizens.

There is therefore hereby created and established a state commission to be known and designated as the "Washington-Oregon Boundary Commission," and in this act referred to as the "commission." Said commission shall be composed of five members, one of which shall be appointed by the governor, two by the house of representatives, and two by the senate. The commission shall select from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

"Washington-Oregon Boundary Commission" created.

Commission membership and appointment.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 27, Laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Said commission when so directed by the governor shall have the power and it shall be its duty forthwith to make a complete and thorough study of all available data bearing upon the present locations of those portions of the boundary line between the states of Oregon and Washington which bisect the site of each dam or bridge heretofore or hereafter constructed in or over the Columbia River, and for such purpose shall have access to all the files and records of the state and its governmental agencies, and shall have the power and authority to employ such surveyors, engineers and other assistants, and

Commission powers and duties.

to incur such incidental expenses as it shall deem necessary.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, which shall be drawn on vouchers signed by the chairman of said commission, and countersigned by the secretary.

Passed the House March 19, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 22, 1955.

Approved by the Governor April 4, 1955.

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CHAPTER 7.

[ H. B. 15. ]

PROBATE.

AN ACT relating to probate and the settlement of the estates of decedents; amending section 165, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.76.200; and amending section 166, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.76.210; and amending section 167, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.76.220; and amending section 168, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.76.230; and amending section 169, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.76.240 and adding two new sections to chapter 11.76 RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 165, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.76.200 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

When any estate has been distributed by decree of the court as provided in this chapter, to any person who has not been located, the court shall appoint an agent for the purpose of taking possession and charge of said estate for the benefit of such absentee person: *Provided*, That no public official may be appointed as agent under this section.

Court to appoint agent.

Limitation on appointment.