

CHAPTER 277.

[H. B. 467.]

TAXATION—COLLECTION AND LIENS WHEN PUBLIC
BODY ACQUIRES PROPERTY.

AN ACT relating to taxation; providing for collection of taxes on real property in certain situations when acquired by public bodies; repealing section 1, chapter 5, Laws of 1955 extraordinary session and RCW 79.44.170.

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

SECTION 1. When real property is acquired by purchase or condemnation by the state of Washington or any of its political subdivisions, including counties, cities, and towns, the property so acquired shall continue to be subject to the tax lien of any tax collectible by the county treasurer, levied by the state, any county, any other municipal corporation or other tax levying public body, and delinquent at the date of sale, condemnation verdict, or judgment if not tried before a jury, except as is otherwise provided in section 3 of this act.

Continuing tax lien on real property purchased by public body—Exception.

SEC. 2. Where any of the taxes on real property so acquired by purchase or condemnation are payable but not delinquent at the date of completion of the sale, date of condemnation verdict, or date of judgment if not tried to a jury, the lien for taxes payable but not delinquent shall be for only one-half of the taxes so payable if the property is so acquired between February 15th and April 30th of the year in which such taxes become payable. If such property is so acquired after April 30th of the year in which such taxes are payable, the lien shall be for the full amount of the taxes payable. If such property is so acquired prior to February 15th of the year in which such taxes become payable, no tax lien for such taxes on such property shall be valid against the state or any of its political subdivisions, and any such taxes

Lien for taxes payable at date of transfer—Amount payable, withholding same.

Tax liens on property purchased by public body. Amount payable, withholding same.

levied but not payable shall be cancelled as provided in RCW 84.56.400.

The amount constituting a tax lien on real property acquired as provided in this act shall be withheld from the purchase price or condemnation award by the public body acquiring the property and shall be paid immediately to the county treasurer in payment and discharge of such lien, except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act.

Segregation of taxes on transfer authorized—Procedure.

SEC. 3. In the event only a part of a given parcel of real property is so acquired by a public body either of the parties may require the assessor to segregate the taxes, in which event this act shall apply only to the taxes owing on the portion acquired by the public body: *Provided*, That if after such segregation the assessed valuation of the portion of the property not being acquired exceeds the amount of all delinquent taxes and taxes payable on the entire parcel, at the owner's election no taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds for the property being acquired by the public body, but the lien for the taxes owing and payable on all the property shall apply only to the property retained by the owner. All county assessors are hereby authorized to segregate taxes as provided above.

Proviso.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. Section 1, chapter 5, Laws of 1955 extraordinary session and RCW 79.44.170 are each repealed.

Passed the House February 28, 1957.

Passed the Senate March 14, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1957.