

sary of said appropriation for the purposes aforesaid, and to acquire by purchase, grant, deed, or gift or condemnation the necessary easements or rights-of-way for said purposes. If condemnation is necessary in the judgment of the board of trustees for said institution, the said institution through its board may condemn in the method of procedure laid down in "An act to regulate the mode of proceeding to acquire and appropriate land, real estate and other property for public uses of the State of Washington, and prescribing the method of ascertaining and making compensation therefor, and declaring an emergency," approved March 3, 1891.

SEC. 3. An emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 2, 1899.

Passed the House February 23, 1899.

Approved March 8, 1899.

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## CHAPTER XLVIII.

[Senate Bill No. 50.]

### PREFERENCE RIGHT TO RELEASE STATE LANDS.

AN ACT to amend section 30 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the selection, survey, management, reclamation, lease and disposition of the state's granted, school, tide, oyster and other lands, harbor areas, and for the confirmation and completion of the several grants to the state by the United States; creating a board of appraisers and a board of harbor line commissioners as required by articles 15 and 16 of the state constitution, which shall be generally known as the board of state land commissioners; defining their duties and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency," being chapter 89, Session Laws of 1897, approved March 16, 1897.

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

SECTION 1. That section 30 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the selection, survey, management,

reclamation, lease and disposition of the state's granted, school, tide, oyster and other lands, harbor areas, and for the confirmation and completion of the several grants to the state by the United States, creating a board of appraisers and a board of harbor line commissioners, as required by articles 15 and 16 of the state constitution, which shall be generally known as the board of state land commissioners; defining their duties and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency," being chapter 89, Session Laws of 1897, approved March 16, 1897, be amended to read as follows: "Sec. 30. The prior lessee may, if he so desires, exercise the preference right to re-lease at the highest rate bid: *Provided, however,* That the owner of improvements placed on school lands held under lease from the state when the terms of such lease have been fully complied with shall have preference right to re-lease the same or any part thereof for a period of thirty days from the expiration of such lease in the following manner: 'The owner of such improvements shall make application in writing for the re-lease of such lands, certifying under oath as to the value and character of the improvements placed thereon, setting forth the amount bid for the re-lease of the same, which bid shall be considered by the commissioner of public lands and if it be deemed sufficient and to the best interests of the state to accept said bid, the said commissioner shall proceed upon the receipt of the first year's rental to issue a new lease to such bidder in accordance with said bid as provided in section 23 of this act:' *And provided further,* That the appraisement of all leased lands shall be made once every five years or oftener if deemed necessary."

Passed the Senate February 23, 1899.

Passed the House March 1, 1899.

Approved March 8, 1899.