

CHAPTER 76.

[House Bill No. 164.]

COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION SERVICE AREAS—
NAMING PARKS—PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

AN ACT relating to counties and cities; amending section 1, chapter 218, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.68.400; and amending section 2, chapter 218, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.68-.410; and adding a new section to chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and to chapter 36.32 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 218, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.68.400 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 36.68.400 amended.

Any county shall have the power to create county park and recreation service areas for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of neighborhood park and recreational facilities which shall be owned by the county and administered as other county parks. The service districts created as hereinafter set forth may finance any of the following park purposes: Acquisition of park sites and buildings; construction of improvements upon county park allocated lands which will promote leisure time and recreational activities of county residents on a neighborhood basis, including but not limited to the construction of field houses, swimming pools, tennis courts, playfields, and other facilities; the maintenance of any county-owned park or recreational facility, including the purchase of athletic equipment and supplies and the upkeep of park buildings, grounds and facilities; and to finance the costs of engaging custodial, recreational and park program personnel at any county-owned park or recreational facility. Local service areas shall be "taxing districts" within the meaning of section

Park and recreation service areas. Creation authorized—Purposes—Taxing districts.

2, article 7 of the Constitution as amended by Amendment 17.

RCW 36.68.410 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 218, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.68.410 are each amended to read as follows:

Park and recreation service areas. May be initiated by resolution or petition.

Local service areas may be initiated in any unincorporated area of any county by resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners or by a petition signed by ten percent of the registered voters within the proposed service area.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and to chapter 36.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Name, commissioner's designate in county.

The board of county commissioners is authorized to designate the name of any park established by the county.

County, city, may acquire lands for specified purposes.

SEC. 4. Any county or city may acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, grant or exchange, title to or any interests or rights in real property to be provided or preserved for (a) park or recreational purposes, viewpoint or greenbelt purposes, (b) the conservation of land or other natural resources, or (c) historic, scenic, or view purposes.

Passed the House March 26, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 25, 1965.

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