

CHAPTER 73.

[S. B. 141.]

RELATING TO ESCHEATED LANDS.

AN ACT relating to the renting and repair of improved escheated lands.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of public lands is authorized to employ an agent or agents to rent any improved escheated urban property for such rental and time and in such manner as the commissioner may direct: *Provided*, That no lease thereof for a term longer than one year shall be made except to the highest bidder at public auction in the manner provided by law for the leasing of public lands, and, except in such case, no lessee shall be entitled to compensation for any improvements which he may make thereon. Such agent or agents shall cause such repairs to be made to such property as the commissioner may direct, and shall deduct the cost thereof, together with such compensation and commission as the commissioner may authorize, from the rentals for such property, and the remainder which shall have been collected shall be transmitted monthly to the commissioner of public lands.

Agent to handle escheated property in cities.

Bids for lease.

Agents remuneration.

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Passed the House March 7, 1913.

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CHAPTER 74.

[S. B. 142.]

APPROPRIATION TO CLEAR TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS.

AN ACT making an appropriation to satisfy a mortgage held by the Washington Trust Company on certain escheated lands and providing for the dismissal of the suit to foreclose the same.

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

SECTION 1. Lot 12 of Block 12 of Browne's Addition to the city of Spokane having been escheated to the State

Land escheated, covered with mortgage.

Appropriation
\$4,700.00.

Property to
be sold.

Attorney
General
to pass upon
claims.

of Washington, subject to the lien of a certain mortgage given to and held by the Washington Trust Company, of Spokane; and a suit having been brought in the superior court for Thurston county to foreclose the same in the sum of \$4,140.00, with interest, costs and attorney's fees; there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the State of Washington the sum of forty-seven hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to satisfy and discharge said mortgage, together with delinquent interest, and interest thereon from date of default at the rate of 12% per annum until paid, according to the terms thereof, and also an attorney's fee of not more than one hundred dollars and the cost of such suit, if any. Upon the sale of the above described property the general fund shall be reimbursed from the proceeds in the amount of the total expenditure with interest at 4% per annum.

SEC. 2. The attorney general shall ascertain and determine the amount of such costs, disbursements and attorney's fees and shall certify to the state auditor the amount thereof and of the principal and interest required to satisfy said mortgage, and thereupon the state auditor shall deliver to him a warrant upon the state treasurer in the amount so certified, and the attorney general shall cause said suit to be dismissed and said mortgage satisfied of record: *Provided*, That no costs or attorney's fees shall be paid under this act until the attorney general shall file with the state auditor an opinion that the plaintiff in the action is entitled thereto.

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