

## CHAPTER 78.

[H. B. 84.]

## PUBLIC LANDS.

AN ACT relating to certain public lands and providing for the sale thereof.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of public lands is hereby authorized to offer for sale and sell in the manner hereinafter provided, all, or any portion of, the following described lands:

Commissioner of Public Lands authorized to offer for sale certain lands.

All lands owned by the state bordering on the Pacific Ocean from the southerly point of Damon's Point on the north side of the entrance to Gray's Harbor to the mouth of the Queets river and from the line between Pacific and Grays Harbor counties on the south to a point 300 feet southerly from the south line of the government jetty on Peterson's Point on the north and lying above and on the land side of the inner boundary of the highway reservations made by chapter CV and chapter CX, Laws of 1901, same being a line of ordinary high tide as the same is now located or as it may hereafter exist.

Lands bordering on Pacific Ocean.

SEC. 2. Whenever application is made to purchase any of such lands, or whenever the commissioner of public lands shall deem it for the best interest of the state to offer any of such lands for sale, he shall cause a notice to be personally served upon the abutting upland owner if he be a resident of this state, or if the upland owner be a non-resident of this state, shall mail to his last known post office address, a copy of a notice notifying him that application has been made for the purchase of such lands or that the commissioner deems it for the best interest of the state to sell the same, as the case

Before sale upland owner to be notified.

may be, giving a description and the value thereof as the same may be determined by an appraisal thereof made by the commissioner of public lands, and in no case less than five dollars (\$5.00) per lineal chain frontage, and notifying such upland owner that he has a preference right to purchase such lands at the appraised value thereof thirty days from the date of the service or mailing of said notice; and no such lands shall be offered for sale, or sold to any other person than the abutting upland owner until after the expiration of said thirty days from the date of the service or mailing of such notice. If the upland owner is a non-resident of this state and his address is unknown to the commissioner of public lands, notice to him shall not be necessary or required. If at the expiration of the thirty days from the service or mailing of the notice, as above provided, the abutting upland owner has failed to avail himself of his preference right to purchase and has failed to pay to the commissioner of public lands the appraised value of the lands described in such notice, then in that event said lands may be offered for sale and sold in the manner provided for the sale of state lands, other than capitol building lands.

Preference right to purchase given upland owner.

After 30 days sale to be made unless preference right exercised.

Passed the House February 7, 1929.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1929.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1929.