

CHAPTER 217.

[S. B. 299.]

BOARD OF STATE LAND COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT relating to the administration of public lands of the state, reconstituting the Board of State Land Commissioners and prescribing the powers and duties thereof, amending section 10, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 (section 7797-10, Remington's Revised Statutes) and section 23, chapter 255, Laws of 1927, as amended by section 1, chapter 136, Laws of 1935 (section 7797-23, Remington's Revised Statutes), making an appropriation and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 10, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 (section 7797-10, Remington's Revised Statutes) be amended to read as follows: Amendments.

Section 10. The Commissioner of Public Lands, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall constitute the Board of State Land Commissioners, of which the Commissioner of Public Lands shall be chairman, and a clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands, to be appointed by the chairman, shall be Secretary. Personnel.
Chairman.
Secretary.

SEC. 2. That section 23, chapter 255, Laws of 1927, as amended by section 1, chapter 136, Laws of 1935 (section 7797-23, Remington's Revised Statutes) be amended to read as follows: Amendments.

Section 23. When, in the judgment of the Commissioner of Public Lands, a sufficient number of applications for the appraisal and sale, or the lease, for any lawful purpose, excepting mining of valuable minerals or coal, or extraction of petroleum or gas, of state lands, except capitol building lands, have been received, the Commissioner shall cause each tract of land so applied for to be inspected by one or more State Land Inspectors as to its char- Applications for sale.
Inspection.

Report.	acter, topography, agricultural and grazing qualities, timber, coal, mineral, stone, gravel or other valuable material, the distance from any city or town, railroad, river, irrigation canal, ditch or other waterway, and a full report thereof to be made to the Commissioner, together with the Inspector's judgment as to the present and prospective value, or rental value, as the case may be. In case of an application to purchase land granted to the state for educational purposes, the Commissioner shall submit said report together with all other information in the records of the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands concerning the land applied for, to the Board of State Land Commissioners, which Board shall fix the value per acre of each lot, block, subdivision or tract proposed to be sold in one parcel, which value shall be not less than ten dollars (\$10) per acre. In case of applications to purchase state lands, other than lands granted to the state for educational purposes and capitol building lands, the Commissioner of Public Lands shall appraise and fix the value thereof. In case of applications for the lease of state lands, except capitol building lands, for any lawful purposes other than that of mining for valuable minerals or coal, or extraction of petroleum or gas, the Commissioner of Public Lands shall fix the rental value thereof, and shall fix the limit of the value of the improvements that may be placed upon said land by any lessee of the state, and may, in case the land is leased, at any time during the life of the lease, extend the limit of value of the improvements that may be placed upon the land covered by the lease, if he deems it advisable and for the best interest of the state, by written order which shall be filed with the lease in the office of the Commissioner, and a copy mailed to the lessee at his last known post office address, and upon the expiration of such lease the Commissioner of Public Lands, shall not appraise said im-
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provements in an amount exceeding the limit so fixed by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

SEC. 3. The Board of State Land Commissioners shall exercise general supervision and control over the sale or lease for any purpose of land granted to the state for educational purposes and also over the sale of timber, fallen timber, stone, gravel and all other valuable materials situated thereon. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Lands, on its request, to furnish the Board with all reports, data and information in the records of his office pertaining to any such proposed sale or lease, and the Board of State Land Commissioners shall have power, if it deems it advisable, to order that any particular sale or lease of such land or valuable materials be held in abeyance pending further inspection and report. The Board may cause such further inspection and report of land or materials involved in any proposed sale or lease to be made and for that purpose shall have power to employ its own inspectors, cruisers and other technical assistants. Upon the basis of such further inspection and report the board shall determine whether or not, and the terms upon which, the proposed sale or lease shall be consummated.

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missioner.

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Board.

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investigation.

Employ
inspectors.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3, there is hereby appropriated to the Board of State Land Commissioners from the general fund for the biennium ending March 31, 1943, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as shall be necessary.

Vetoed.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Effective
immediately.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1941.

Passed the House March 12, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1941, with the exception of section 4, which is vetoed.