

shall be held at times and places determined by the chairman. The chairman shall appoint from the staff of the state tax commission an executive secretary, whose salary shall be paid by the tax commission, who shall attend all meetings of the council and perform such duties as it shall direct.

SEC. 5. All expenditures of the council shall be paid upon vouchers approved by the chairman or vice chairman from the appropriation herein provided. Expenditures upon vouchers, approval.

SEC. 6. To carry out the provisions of this act there is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1959, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary. Appropriation.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1957.

Passed the House March 10, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 292.

[S. B. 61.]

URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS—TAX REFUNDS AND EXEMPTIONS.

AN ACT relating to refunds of motor vehicle fuel tax and exemptions from use fuel tax for certain urban transportation systems; and adding a new section to chapters 82.36 RCW and 82.40 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 82.36 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Notwithstanding RCW 82.36.240, every urban passenger transportation system shall receive a refund of the amount of the motor vehicle fuel tax paid on each gallon of motor vehicle fuel used, whether such vehicle fuel tax has been paid either Refund on motor vehicle fuel tax authorized.

Refund to urban transportation companies of motor vehicle fuel tax authorized. "Urban passenger transportation system" defined.

directly to the vendor from whom the motor vehicle fuel was purchased or indirectly by adding the amount of such tax to the price of such fuel.

For the purposes of this section "urban passenger transportation system" means every transportation system, publicly or privately owned, having as its principal source of revenue the income from transporting persons for compensation by means of motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys, each having a seating capacity for over twenty persons, over prescribed routes in such a manner that the routes of such motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys, either alone or in conjunction with routes of other such motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys subject to routing by the same transportation system, do not extend for a distance exceeding five road miles beyond the corporate limits of the city in which the original starting points of such motor vehicles are located: *Provided*, That this section shall expire June 30, 1959.

Proviso.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 82.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Refund, use fuel tax, authorized.

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, every urban passenger transportation system shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 82.40 RCW requiring the payment of use fuel taxes.

"Urban passenger transportation system" defined.

For the purposes of this section "urban passenger transportation system" means every transportation system, publicly or privately owned, having as its principal source of revenue the income from transporting persons for compensation by means of motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys, each having a seating capacity for over twenty persons, over prescribed route in such a manner that the routes of such motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys, either alone or in conjunction with routes of other such motor vehicles and/or trackless trolleys subject to

routing by the same transportation system, shall not extend for a distance exceeding five road miles beyond the corporate limits of the city in which the original starting points of such motor vehicles are located: *Provided*, That this section shall expire June 30, 1959. Proviso.

SEC. 3. The joint fact-finding committee on highways, streets and bridges shall enter upon a study of the proper vehicle fuel tax to be paid by urban transportation systems and the working of the temporary exemption granted by this act. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations thereon to the 1959 legislature prior to its convening. Study authorized—Report to legislature.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1957.

Passed the House March 12, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 293.

[S. B. 165.]

STATE LANDS—CONVEYANCE TO NOEL M. GHIONE.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the conveyance of certain real estate to Noel M. Ghione in settlement of certain litigation.

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

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the state of Washington and the secretary of state to attest a quitclaim deed, conveying to Noel M. Ghione upon, and in consideration of, his dismissal with prejudice of his action against the state of Washington, in King County Cause No. 345733, insofar as said action seeks the recovery of money damages from the state, the following described real property in King County, state of Washington: Conveyance of real property authorized—Consideration.