

Preference
right, for how
long.

SEC. 3. The owner or owners of said land abutting or fronting upon the tide or shore lands of the first class shall have the preference right for sixty days following the filing of the final appraisal of the tide and shore lands with the Commissioner of Public Lands and of the copy of the same with the county auditor of Chehalis county, Washington, to apply for the purchase of all or any part of the tide or shore lands in front of the land so owned; and to apply for the leasing of the harbor line area abutting upon such tide or shore lands: *Provided*, That if valuable improvements in actual use prior to January 1st, 1901, for commerce, trade, residence or business, have been made upon said tide or shore lands by any person, association or corporation, the owner of such improvements shall have the exclusive right to apply for the purchase of the lands so improved for the period aforesaid.

Proviso.

Exclusive
right.

Emergency.

SEC. 4. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately:

Passed the House March 2, 1901.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1901.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1901.

CHAPTER CXLII.

[H. B. No. 223.]

RELATIVE TO THE INTIMIDATION AND BRIBING OF VOTERS.

AN ACT relating to the intimidating or bribing of voters, and amending section 7420 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

Amendment.

Menace, force
or threats.

SECTION 1. That section 7420 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows: Section 7420. If any person shall use any menaces, force, threats or any corrupt means at or previous to any election held pursuant to the laws of the state, towards

any elector to hinder or deter such elector from voting at said election, or shall directly or indirectly offer any bribe or reward of any kind to induce any elector to vote contrary to his inclinations or shall on the day of election give any public treat or authorize any person to do so to obtain votes for any person, such person so offending shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than five years, or of both such fine and imprisonment. Penalty.

Passed the House March 2, 1901.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1901.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1901.

CHAPTER CXLIII.

[H. B. No. 341.]

EXTENDING RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO WATER POWER COMPANIES.

AN ACT extending the right of eminent domain to water power companies.

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

SECTION 1. The right of eminent domain for the purpose of appropriating real estate is hereby extended to all corporations that are now or that may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this state, or of any state or territory of the United States and doing business in this state, for the purpose of conveying water by ditches, flumes, pipe lines, tunnels or any other means for the utilization of water power: *Provided, however,* That said right of eminent domain shall not be exercised in respect to any residence or business structure or structures. Extended to all corporations, for what purposes. Proviso.

SEC. 2. Every corporation that is now or that may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this state, or of any other state or territory of the United States and doing business in this state, for the purpose of conveying water by ditches, flumes, pipe lines, tunnels or Right to enter and survey, etc.