

CHAPTER 57.

[H. B. 329.]

DISPOSITION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON PUBLIC LANDS.

AN ACT relating to the disposition of improvements on state lands and amending section 34, chapter 255, Session Laws of 1927.

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

Amends § 37,
ch. 255,
Laws 1927.

SECTION 1. That section 37, chapter 255, of the Session Laws of 1927 (section 7797-37 Remington's Compiled Statutes, 1927 Supplement), be amended to read as follows:

Deposit of
appraised
value.

Section 37. If the purchaser of state lands be not the owner of the improvements thereon, he shall deposit with the officer making the sale, at the time of the sale, the appraised value of such improvements, and if it be found by the commissioner of public lands that the owner of such improvements was not holding adversely to the state at the time of the making thereof, or that said improvements were placed upon the land in good faith by a lessee of the state whose lease had not been cancelled or become subject to cancellation for any cause, or that such improvements were placed upon the land by mistake, then the commissioner shall pay to the owner of said improvements the sum so deposited, but if it be found that such improvements were made by persons holding or claiming adversely to the state, or by persons without license or lease from the state, or by a lessee or contract holder who had not complied with the terms of his lease or contract, or by a lessee or other person with intent to defraud the state or the intending purchaser of the land from the state, then the sum so deposited shall be paid into the state treasury to be placed to the credit of the fund into which the proceeds

Payment
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derived from the sale of the land should be paid: *Provided*, That when the improvements are owned by the state in accordance with the provisions of this section or have been acquired by the state by escheat or operation of law in accordance with the provisions of section 7797-154, Remington's Com- Sale of.
 piled Statutes, 1927 Supplement, the purchaser may, in case of sale, pay for such improvements in equal annual installments at the same time, and with the same rate of interest on deferred payments, as the installments of the purchase price of the land are paid, and under such rules and regulations regarding use and care of said improvements as may be fixed by the commissioner of public lands.

Passed the House February 14, 1935.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 1935.

CHAPTER 58.

[H. B. 331.]

NATIONAL FORESTS; ACQUISITION OF STATE LANDS BY UNITED STATES.

AN ACT expressing the consent of the legislature of the State of Washington to the acquisition of lands in the state under the provisions of the act of congress entitled "An act to enable any state to cooperate with any other state or states, or with the United States, for the protection of the watersheds of navigable streams and to appoint a commission for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of conserving the navigability of navigable rivers," approved March 1, 1911, as amended.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State of Washington hereby consents to the acquisition by the United States by purchase or gift of such lands in the State of Washington as in the opinion of the