(5) mills on the assessed value of the taxable real and personal property in the township, according to the last previous assessment made; to expend all or any portion of said sums for the purchase and operation of snow plows or snow removing equipment and the repair and maintenance of same, or for road construction or repair in conjunction with or under the supervision of the state or county: Provided, That any levy so made shall be within the limit pre- Restriction. scribed by general law.

clearance.

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CHAPTER 227.

[H. B. 168.]

AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO TRANSFER PROPERTY TO THE UNITED STATES FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES.

An Act authorizing counties to convey real and personal property to the United States for defense and other purposes, and to the state; granting the consent of the state to such conveyances; ceding legislative jurisdiction to the United States over such land, declaring an emergency, repealing chapter 105, Laws of 1935 (sections 4026-1, 4026-2 and 4026-3, Remington's Revised Statutes) and chapter 44, Laws of 1937 (sections 4015-2, 4015-3, 4015-4, and 4015-5, Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners County Comof any county by a majority vote are hereby authorized to directly lease, sell, or convey by gift, all or purposes. any portion of real estate, or any interest therein owned by the county, however acquired, by tax foreclosure or in any other manner, to the United States for the use and benefit of any branch of the army, navy, marine corps or air forces of the United States,

missioners may convey for defense

Other purposes.

or for enlarging or improving any military base thereof, or for any governmental housing project, or for the purpose of constructing and operating any Federal power project, or to the State of Washington, without requiring competitive bids or notice to the public and at such price and terms as the Board may deem for the best interests of the county. The property may be conveyed to the United States or to the State of Washington by deed or other instrument of conveyance and shall not require any con-Not to require sideration, if donated, other than the benefit which may be derived by the county on account of the use thereof and development of such property by the

United States government or the state.

Without competitive bids.

consideration

May convey real or personal property to U.S.

Uses.

Without competitive bids.

Method of conveyance.

State may buy, convey or exchange.

Sec. 2. In any county where the Federal Government owns and maintains property under the jurisdiction of the navy department or war department, or any other Federal department, the Board of County Commissioners by majority vote may sell, lease or transfer to the United States government any real or personal property owned by said county, however acquired, for the use and benefit of any branch of the army, navy, marine corps or air forces thereof or for enlarging or improving any military base thereof, or for any other governmental housing project, or to the State of Washington, without requiring competitive bids or notice to the public and at such price and terms as the Board may deem for the best interests of the county. This property may be conveyed to the government of the United States by bill of sale or other instrument of conveyance and need not require consideration other than the benefit which may be derived by the county on account of the use thereof and development of such property by the United States government. The State of Washington may buy and/or sell such property, or the State of Washington may buy and/or sell such property for the purposes herein stated; or mutually interchange or trade such property or purchase one from the other.

SEC. 3. The resolution of the Board of County Resolution Commissioners to grant an option to purchase, contract to sell, lease, sell and convey, or donate, as provided, shall be entered by said Board upon its journal, and any option to purchase, contract to sell, lease, sale and conveyance, or donation executed pursuant thereto, shall be signed on behalf of the county by the Board of County Commissioners, or a majority thereof, and shall be acknowledged in the manner prescribed by law.

for option.

SEC. 4. Pursuant to the constitution and laws of Exclusive the United States and the constitution of the State io U.S. of Washington consent of the Legislature is hereby given to the exercise by the Congress of the United States of exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever on such tracts or parcels of land so conveyed to it: Provided. That all civil process issued from the Courts of the state and such criminal process as state retains may issue under the authority of the state against and criminal any person charged with crime in cases arising outside of said tract may be served and executed thereon in the same manner as if such property were retained by the county.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate Effective preservation of the public peace, health, safety and support of the state and its public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

immediately.

SEC. 6. Chapter 105, Laws of 1935 (sections statutes repealed. 4026-1, 4026-2, and 4026-3, Remington's Revised Statutes) and chapter 44, Laws of 1937 (sections 4015-2, 4015-3, 4015-4 and 4015-5, Remington's Revised Statutes) are hereby repealed.

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