

Effective immediately.

SEC. 11. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 196.

[S. B. 224.]

HOMESTEADS.

AN ACT relating to homesteads and amending section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, as last amended by section 4, chapter 88, Laws of 1931 (section 528, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-21); section 4, chapter 64, Laws 1895, as last amended by section 2, chapter 193, Laws of 1927 (section 532, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-27); and section 24, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 (section 552, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-87).

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

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, as last amended by section 1, chapter 88, Laws of 1931 (section 528, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-21), is amended to read as follows:

Definition.

Section 1. The homestead consists of the dwelling house, in which the claimant resides, with appurtenant buildings, and the land on which the same are situated, and by which the same are surrounded, or land without improvements purchased with the intention of building a house and residing thereon, selected at any time before sale, as in this chapter provided.

Amendments.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 2, chapter 193, Laws of 1927 (section 532, Remington's Revised Statutes, also

Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-27), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The homestead is exempt from attachment and from execution or forced sale, except as in this act provided; and the proceeds of the voluntary sale of the homestead in good faith for the purpose of acquiring a new homestead, shall likewise be exempt for one year, and also such new homestead acquired with such proceeds. Every homestead claimed in the manner provided by law, shall be presumed to be valid to the extent of all the lands claimed exempt, until the validity thereof is contested in a court of general jurisdiction in the county or district in which the homestead is situated.

Validity
presumed.

SEC. 3. Section 24, chapter LXIV (64), Laws of 1895 (section 552; Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-67), is amended to read as follows:

Amend-
ments.

Section 24. Homesteads may be selected and claimed in lands and tenements with the improvements thereon, as defined in section 1 hereof, regardless of area but not exceeding in net value, of both the lands and improvements, the sum of four thousand dollars. The premises thus included in the homestead must be actually intended or used for a home for the claimants, and shall not be devoted exclusively to any other purposes.

Value
determined.

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