

CHAPTER 171.

[S. B. 196.]

LEASE OF STATE LANDS.

AN ACT relating to state lands and the leasing of state lands for grazing purposes, providing that such lands shall be open to the public for hunting and fishing, and amending section 61, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 (sec. 7797-61, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 940-17, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 61, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 (sec. 7797-61, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 940-17, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 61. The Commissioner of Public Lands shall be authorized to lease, for a term of five years or less, to the highest bidder at public auction, any state lands, except capitol building lands, for any purpose, except mining of valuable minerals or coal or extraction of petroleum or gas, and to likewise lease capitol building lands for any purpose except agriculture, but such lands shall not be leased for less than the appraised rental value thereof, nor shall agricultural lands be leased for less than ten cents per acre.

Lease of
state lands.

All state lands hereafter leased for grazing purposes shall be open and available to the public for purposes of hunting and fishing unless closed to public entry because of fire hazard or unless lawfully posted by lessee to prohibit hunting and fishing thereon. In the event any such lands are so posted it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or fish on any such posted lands.

Grazing land
open to
hunting and
fishing un-
less posted.

The Commissioner of Public Lands shall insert the provisions of the preceding paragraph in all grazing leases hereafter issued.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.

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Approved by the Governor March 18, 1947.