

Research and promotional uses.

The director may use so much of such fund not exceeding five per cent thereof as he may determine necessary for research and promotional work, including rate studies, relating to wheat and wheat products.

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CHAPTER 172.

[S. B. 337.]

REFORESTATION LANDS.

AN ACT relating to lands suitable for forestation and reforestation; the classification of lands as reforestation lands; and amending sections 84.28.040, 84.28.050 and 84.28.060, R.C.W.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 84.28.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 40, Laws of 1931, is amended to read as follows:

Written objection to classification as reforestation lands; time for.

The tax commission shall hold said list for a period of two weeks, during which time any taxpayer, or the county assessor, of the county in which the lands are located shall be entitled to file written objections with it to the classification as reforestation lands of any particular lands on such list. If any objection is filed the commission shall fix a date for hearing thereon, and shall in writing notify the objector, the board and the owner of the lands of the date fixed for the hearing. At the hearing the commission shall hear and consider evidence offered by the board, owner, or objector as to the nature and character of such lands, and from such evidence shall determine whether the lands shall be classified as reforestation lands; and if the commission deter-

Hearing.

Commission to hear evidence.

mines that the lands are not suitable for reforestation and should not be classified as reforestation lands, it shall cause such lands to be stricken from the list. If no objections are filed to the classification of any lands on such list or if objections are filed and after hearing are overruled, the commission shall enter an order approving the list as filed; and if, following a hearing on objections to classification as to any particular lands on the list, the commission determines that the particular lands are not properly classified as reforestation lands, it shall enter an order to that effect and shall strike such lands from the list, and enter an order approving the list with such lands stricken therefrom. Upon entry of the order the commission shall, at its expense, cause a certified copy thereof, together with the approved list to be recorded in the office of the auditor of the county in which the lands are situated, and shall forward one certified copy thereof, together with the approved list, to the assessor of the county wherein the lands are situated, one copy to the board, and one copy of its order to the owner, with a list only of lands in which he has an interest; and thereupon the lands described on such list shall be classified as reforestation lands.

[Am. R.R.S. § 11219-3 (part, beginning with last sentence, p. 549, Vol. 11). Remainder of R.R.S. § 11219-3 is codified as R.C.W. 84.28.020 and 84.28.030.]

SEC. 2. Section 84.28.050, R.C.W., as derived from section 4, chapter 40, Laws of 1931, is amended to read as follows:

Whenever the board believes that any lands classified as reforestation lands are not being protected as provided by law, or are not being used primarily for forest crop production, it may petition the tax commission to remove such lands from classification as reforestation lands. The petition shall describe the lands by government legal subdivisions and shall set forth the name of the owner thereof,

Striking
lands from
list.

Order
approving
list as filed.

Order
striking
particular
lands from
list and
approving
remainder.

List
recorded.

Distribution
of copies.

Amendment.

Petition to
remove lands
from
classification.

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Hearing. and the grounds and reasons for which such removal is sought. The commission shall thereupon fix a time and place for hearing on the petition and shall mail a notice thereof, together with a copy of the petition, to the owner at his address as shown by the records of the county treasurer's office. At the time and place fixed for the hearing the commission shall hold a hearing on the petition and shall receive evidence offered by the owner or the board for and against the petition. Upon the conclusion of the hearing the commission shall determine whether such lands shall be removed from the classification as reforestation lands, and shall enter an order accordingly. One certified copy of such order shall be furnished by the commission to the county assessor of the county in which the lands are situated, one to the owner and one to the board, and the commission shall, at its own expense, cause a certified copy of such order, together with a list of the lands covered thereby, to be recorded in the office of the auditor of the county in which the lands are situated.

[Am. R.R.S. § 11219-4 (part, from beginning of section to line 8, p. 551, vol. 11). Remainder of R.R.S. § 11219-4 is codified as R.C.W. 84.28.070.]

Amendment. SEC. 3. Section 84.28.060, R.C.W., as derived from section 5, chapter 40, Laws of 1931, is amended to read as follows:

Petition
declaring
lands more
valuable
for another
purpose.

Whenever any lands previously classified as reforestation lands shall be or become more valuable for some other purpose and twenty-five taxpayers of the county in which the lands are situated file a petition with the tax commission, alleging such to be the case, the commission shall fix a date for hearing on the petition and shall in writing notify the taxpayers by mailing notice thereof directed to the taxpayers at the address shown on the petition; and shall likewise notify the board, and the owners of the lands involved, by mailing a notice of the hearing to them

Hearing.

directed to their respective addresses. At the hearing the petitioners, the board and the owners shall be entitled to offer evidence bearing upon the question of the value of such lands for reforestation and other purposes. The commission from the evidence shall determine whether the lands are more valuable for some other purpose than for reforestation; and if it so determines it shall enter an order to that effect and thereupon the lands shall be removed from classification as reforestation lands. Upon entry of an order by the commission, as provided for in this section, the commission shall, at its own expense, cause a certified copy thereof, together with a list of the lands covered thereby, to be recorded in the office of the auditor of the county in which the lands are situated.

Order.

Recorded
with county
auditor.

[Am. R.R.S. § 11219-5.]

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CHAPTER 173.

[S. B. 34.]

TOWNSHIPS—PROCEDURE FOR DISORGANIZATION.

AN ACT relating to townships; and authorizing and providing procedure for disorganization of townships.

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

SECTION 1. Proceedings for disorganization of a township may be commenced by petition for an election therein upon the question. A petition for such election shall be filed with the county auditor. It must be signed by registered voters residing within the township sufficient in number to equal twenty per cent of the vote of the township at the last general election.

Petition
for election
on question
of disorgani-
zation.