

where they have accepted a compromise settlement. Otherwise the surplus shall be distributed as by law provided.

Bonds held in state reclamation revolving fund; consent to dissolution by director of conservation.

SEC. 15. Whenever any bonds of the district are held in the state reclamation revolving fund, and, in the opinion of the director of conservation and development, the district is or will be unable to meet its obligations, and that the state's investment can be best preserved by the dissolution of the district the director may give his consent to dissolution under such stipulations and adjustments of the indebtedness as he deems best for the state.

SEC. 16. Chapter 87.54, R.C.W., same being chapter CII, Laws of 1899, is hereby repealed.

[Rep. R.R.S. §§ 7531 to 7542, incl.]

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## CHAPTER 238.

[ S. B. 62. ]

### PAROLE OF PERSONS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE.

AN ACT relating to the powers of the board of prison terms and paroles; amending chapter 9.95, R.C.W., by adding thereto a new section.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to chapter 9.95, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 92, Laws of 1947, a new section to read as follows:

Parole of person serving life sentence after 20 years less earned good time.

The board of prison terms and paroles is hereby granted authority to parole any person sentenced to the penitentiary or the reformatory, under a mandatory life sentence, who has been continuously confined therein for a period of twenty consecutive years

less earned good time: *Provided*, The superintendent of the penitentiary or the reformatory, as the case may be, certifies to the board of prison terms and paroles that such person's conduct and work have been meritorious, and based thereon, recommends parole for such person: *Provided*, That no such person shall be released under parole who is found to be a sexual psychopath under the provisions of and as defined by chapter 71.12, R.C.W.

Recommendation of superintendent.

No parole for sexual psychopaths.

[Chapter 9.95 R.C.W. was derived from Rem. Supp. § 10249-2 to 10249-7 incl., as amended, and Rem. Supp. § 10249-11.]

[Chapter 71.12 R.C.W. is Rem. Supp. 1949, §§ 6953-1 to 6953-67.]

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## CHAPTER 239.

[ S. B. 63. ]

### BOARD OF PRISON TERMS AND PAROLES—REDUCTION OF MINIMUM TERMS DURING WAR EMERGENCY.

AN ACT relating to the board of prison terms and paroles; authorizing reduction of minimum term in certain instances, and providing exceptions.

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

SECTION 1. The board of prison terms and paroles is hereby granted authority, in the event of a declaration by the governor that a war emergency exists, including a general mobilization, and for the duration thereof only, to reduce downward the minimum term, as set by the board, of any inmate confined in the Washington state penitentiary or reformatory, who will be accepted by and inducted into the armed services: *Provided*, That a reduction downward shall not be made under this act for those inmates who are confined for treason, murder in the first

Reduction of minimum terms authorized; when.

Certain inmates ineligible.