

ter 220, Laws of 1937, is amended by adding a new section thereto as follows:

Canadian
citizens.

Canadian
stockholders.

Canadian
corporations.

In accordance with public policy of the state of Washington herein declared, the right to own or lease land within this state is hereby granted (1) to citizens of such of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada as do not expressly or by implication prohibit ownership of provincial lands by citizens of this state, and (2) to corporations organized under the laws of this or any other state, a majority of whose capital stock is owned by citizens of such provinces of Canada, and/or by one or more separate and distinct corporations organized by special act of the Parliament of Canada or under the laws of the Dominion of Canada or of such provinces of the Dominion of Canada and/or by any combination of the foregoing with other persons eligible to own land in this state.

Passed the House January 27, 1953.

Passed the Senate February 5, 1953.

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1953.

CHAPTER 10.

[H. B. 4.]

ALIEN LAND LAW.

AN ACT relating to the Alien Land Law; redefining alien as such term refers to corporations; and amending section 64.16.010, RCW, as derived from section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1921; and repealing section 23.08.110, RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 64.16.010, RCW, as derived from section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1921, as amended by chapter 220 of the Laws of 1937, is amended to read as follows:

Definitions.

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Alien” does not include an alien who has in good faith declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, but includes all other aliens and corporations and other organized groups of persons, a majority of whose capital stock is owned or controlled by aliens or a majority of whose members are aliens, and includes all persons who are non-citizens of the United States and who are ineligible to citizenship by naturalization: *Provided, however,* That a corporation organized under the laws of this or any other state, a majority of whose capital stock is owned by one or more separate and distinct corporations organized under the laws of this or any other state, shall not be considered an alien or a corporation a majority of whose capital stock is owned or controlled by aliens within the meaning of any provision of the Constitution or of this or any other statute of this state; “Alien.”

“Land” does not include land containing valuable deposits of minerals, metals, iron, coal, or fire clay or the necessary land for mills and machinery to be used in the development thereof and the manufacture of the products therefrom, but includes every other kind of land and every interest therein and right to the control, possession, use, enjoyment, rents, issues, or profits thereof, except a mortgage and except a right to the possession, use, or enjoyment of land for a period of not more than ten years for a purpose for which an alien is accorded the use of land by a treaty between the United States and the country whereof he is a citizen; and includes any share or interest in a corporation or other organized group of persons deemed an alien in this chapter which has title to land; “Land.”

To “own” means to have the legal or equitable title to or the right to any benefit of; “Own.”

“Title” includes every kind of legal or equitable title; “Title.”

Ownership excluded.

Ownership of or title to land acquired by inheritance or in good faith either under mortgage or in the ordinary course of collection of debts, or acquired by a female citizen afterwards expatriated by marriage to an alien, is excluded;

"Inheritance."
"Mortgage."

"Inheritance" includes devise;

"Mortgage" includes every kind of lien upon land;

A mortgage of land under which an alien is entitled before default to any control, possession, use or enjoyment of the land, is an absolute conveyance; and

"Person."

"Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, or any other organized group of persons.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act are to be severable, and if any section, subdivision or clause of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 3. Section 23.08.110, RCW, as derived from section 16, chapter 70, Laws of 1937, is hereby repealed.

Passed the House January 27, 1953.

Passed the Senate February 7, 1953.

Approved by the Governor February 11, 1953.