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Directors must own land to hold office.

Exception.

precinct in which he resides, all others shall vote in the precinct nearest their residence. No director shall be qualified to take office unless at the time of his election as such director he was the owner of five acres or more of land within the district subject to assessments by the irrigation district: *Provided*, That this additional qualification for the office of director shall not apply in any irrigation district where more than fifty percent of the total acreage of the district subject to assessment is owned in individual ownerships of less than five acres.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1953.

Passed the House March 4, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.

CHAPTER 123.

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BOOM COMPANIES.

AN ACT relating to boom companies; increasing the maximum rates which may be charged for certain services thereof; and amending section 76.28.040, RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 76.28.040, RCW, as derived from section 4, of an act approved March 17, 1890, entitled, "An Act to declare and regulate the powers, rights and duties of corporations organized to build booms and to catch logs and timber products therein", is amended to read as follows:

Persons requesting service. After such works have been constructed, the corporation shall catch, hold, and assort the logs and timber products of all persons requesting such service, upon the same terms and without discrimination. It shall have the right, in consideration of the convenience and security afforded to the public in the handling of logs and timber products, to charge

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and collect tolls on all logs or other timber products Tolls. caught within its works and upon the order or request of the owner or owners thereof, and there assorted, boomed, or rafted. The tolls should not exceed Rates. one dollar and fifty cents per thousand feet on logs, spars, or other large timber, and reasonable rates on all other timber products. A corporation operating a service given without boom at the mouth of any river, shall catch and hold, request of owner. assort, boom, and raft all logs and timber products, except such as may be already in charge of the owner or his agents, without request of the owner, and it shall have the right to charge and collect tolls not to Tolls. exceed one dollar and fifty cents per thousand feet Rates. for such service. The amount of logs or timber is to be board measure, to be ascertained by the usual legal method of scaling. The corporation shall have Liens. a lien upon the logs and timber products for the driving, floating, booming, sorting, and rafting thereof, and the right to enforce such lien in any manner provided by law for the enforcement of liens upon personal property. The corporation shall, as soon as practicable, deliver logs or other timber products caught within its booms, sorted and rafted ready for towing, to the owner thereof, and if required to hold storage such property for more than thirty days, shall have the right to charge a reasonable rate for such storage for the excess period.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1953.

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