

ballot title. Upon the filing of the petition on appeal, the court shall forthwith, or at the time to which a hearing may be adjourned by consent of the appellants, examine the proposed measure, the ballot title filed and the objections thereto and may hear arguments thereon, and shall as soon as possible render its decision and certify to and file with the filing officer such ballot title as it determines will meet the requirements of this chapter. The decision of the superior court shall be final, and the title so certified shall be the established ballot title. Such appeal shall be heard without cost to either party.

Hearing.

Decision.

Costs.

Passed the House March 3, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1953.

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CHAPTER 243.

[ H. B. 348. ]

PORT DISTRICTS—LEASING OF PROPERTY.

AN ACT relating to the leasing of property by port districts, amending section 53.08.080, RCW, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.08.080, RCW, as derived from section 4, chapter 92, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 2, chapter 166, Laws of 1943, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

A district may lease all lands, wharves, docks, and property owned and controlled by it, upon such terms as the port commission deems proper: *Provided*, That no lease shall be for a period longer than thirty years, and each lease shall be secured by a bond, with surety satisfactory to the port commis-

Authorized.

30 year maximum.

Bond.

Airport  
purposes.

Bonds for  
leases over  
5 years.

sion, in a penalty not less than the rental for one-sixth of the term, but in no case less than the rental for one year where the term is one year or more, conditioned to perform the terms of such lease: *Provided further*, That where the property involved is or is to be devoted to airport purposes and construction work and/or to the construction or maintenance of facilities for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers (but which facilities shall also be open to the general public) or the installation of new facilities is contemplated, the port commission may lease said property for such period as may equal the estimated useful life of such work or facilities, but not to exceed seventy-five years: *Provided further*, That in a lease the term of which exceeds five years, and when at the option of the port commission it is so stipulated in the lease, the commission shall accept, with surety satisfactory to it, a bond conditioned to perform the terms of the lease for some part of the term, in no event less than five years (unless the remainder of the unexpired term is less than five years, in which case for the full remainder) and in every such case the commission shall require of the lessee, another or other like bond to be delivered within two years, and not less than one year prior to the expiration of the period covered by the existing bond, covering an additional part of the term in accordance with the foregoing provisions in respect to the original bond, and so on until the end of the term so that there will always be in force a bond securing the performance of the lease, and the penalty in each bond shall be not less than the rental for one-half the period covered thereby, but no bond shall be construed to secure the furnishing of any other bond.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the support of the state government and its

existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 3, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 244.

[ S. B. 239. ]

### PUBLIC LANDS—SALE OF PROPERTY IN COWLITZ COUNTY.

AN ACT relating to the sale and conveyance of certain real property in Cowlitz county; and providing for the disposition of the proceeds thereof.

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

SECTION 1. The director of conservation and development may sell lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of block 2, Central Addition to the city of Kelso, Cowlitz county, Washington, according to the duly recorded plat thereof, together with appurtenances, to the Kelso Young Men's Christian Association, for such price as will meet the approval of the governor.

Authority  
to sell and  
description.

SEC. 2. The governor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the secretary of state to attest, a proper deed to effectuate the purposes of section 1 hereof.

Deed.

SEC. 3. The consideration received from the sale provided for in section 1 hereof shall be credited to the Clark-McNary fund.

Disposition  
of proceeds.

Passed the Senate February 18, 1953.

Passed the House March 4, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1953.