

May 31st of each year. The assessed valuation of property under the provisions of this act shall be considered as of the April 30th immediately preceding the date that the property is placed on the assessment rolls.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1955.

Passed the House March 6, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1955.

CHAPTER 130.

[S. B. 236.]

PUBLIC LANDS—SALE TO VARNEY-SUNNYSIDE PACKING COMPANY.

AN ACT relating to public lands and authorizing the department of public institutions to enter into a contract of sale, and conveyance by the governor.

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

SECTION 1. The department of public institutions is authorized to enter into a contract for the sale of certain public lands, buildings and equipment to the Varney-Sunnyside Packing Company, Inc., in consideration of the payment to the state treasurer of the sum of twenty-five thousand one hundred fifty dollars, being the highest bid on a call for sealed bids duly published in newspapers of general circulation in the state; such public lands being known as the State Prison Cannery No. 2, situated near the town of Buena, in the county of Yakima, and more particularly described as follows:

Department of public institutions authorized to contract for sale of state prison cannery No. 2.

PARCEL A:

A tract of land lying in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 20 E.W.M., more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Legal description of parcel A.

Beginning at a point on the north line of said northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of said Section 15, 1448 ft. west of the quarter corner on the east line of said Section 15; thence west 330 ft.; thence south $0^{\circ}8'$ east 452 ft.; thence east 62 ft.; thence north $59^{\circ}34'$ east 110 ft.; thence north $46^{\circ}59'$ east 63 ft.; thence east to the east line of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of said Section 15; thence north along said east line to the point of intersection thereof with the north line of the southeast quarter of said Section 15; thence west along the north line of said southeast quarter of said Section 15, 128 ft., more or less, to the point of beginning. EXCEPT roads along the north and east line thereof.

PARCEL B:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 20 E.W.M.; thence South $0^{\circ}8'$ east 330 ft. to the true point of beginning; thence south $0^{\circ}8'$ east 161.6 ft.; thence south 60° west 533 ft.; thence north $40^{\circ}15'$ west 313 ft. (it being intended that said course shall actually conform to the northerly right of way line of the Sunnyside Canal); thence north $0^{\circ}8'$ west along the west line of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter 190 ft.; thence east 664 ft. to the point of beginning, EXCEPT road, but to include easement for a private roadway reserved in Deed dated December 31, 1947, executed by Ernest F. Leuning and Nona S. Leuning, husband and wife, to Fassett & Company, a Washington corporation, recorded January 5, 1948, in Volume 449 of Deeds, under Auditor's file No. 1193499, records of said county.

SEC. 2. Upon payment being received by the state treasurer, as prescribed in section 1 hereof, for deposit in the general fund, the governor shall issue in behalf of the state of Washington a conveyance transferring the land, buildings and equipment described in section 1 unto the Varney-Sunnyside Packing Company, Inc.

Passed the Senate February 4, 1955.

Passed the House March 5, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1955.

CHAPTER 131.

[S. B. 269.]

STATE LANDS—OIL, GAS, ETC. LEASES.

AN ACT relating to oil leases on state lands; providing for and regulating the granting of leases for the extraction of oil, gas or other hydrocarbons and certain preference rights to take the same; defining the powers and duties of certain officers in connection therewith; providing for the issuance of leases at public auction in certain cases; providing for appeals, and repealing sections 1 through 28, chapter 161, Laws of 1937, section 37, chapter 146, Laws of 1951 and RCW 78.28.010 through 78.28.270.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, words and terms shall have the meaning attributed to them herein: Definitions:

(1) "Public lands": Lands and areas belonging to or held in trust by the state, including tide and submerged lands of the Pacific Ocean or any arm thereof and lands of every kind and nature including mineral rights reserved to the state. "Public lands."

(2) "Person": Any citizen of the United States or person who has, in good faith, declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, or any corporation organized and existing under and "Person."