

CHAPTER 391.

[H. B. 252.]

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to parks and recreation; and amending section 1, chapter 148, Laws of 1929 and RCW 43.51.040, section 4, chapter 271, Laws of 1947 and RCW 43.51.050, and section 5, chapter 271, Laws of 1947 and RCW 43.51.060.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 148, Laws of 1929 and RCW 43.51.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Powers and duties of commission.

The commission shall: (1) Have the care, charge, control, and supervision of all parks and parkways acquired or set aside by the state for park or parkway purposes.

Rules and regulations; copies posted.

(2) Adopt, promulgate, issue, and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the use, care, and administration of state parks and parkways, which shall become effective ten days after adoption. The commission shall cause a copy of the rules and regulations to be kept posted in a conspicuous place in every state park to which they are applicable, but failure to post or keep any rule or regulation posted shall be no defense to any prosecution for the violation thereof.

Permit use of parks.

(3) Permit the use of state parks and parkways by the public under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed.

Beautification and improvement of parks.

(4) Clear, drain, grade, seed, and otherwise improve or beautify parks and parkways, and erect structures, buildings, fireplaces, and comfort stations and build and maintain paths, trails, and roadways through or on parks and parkways.

Park concessions.

(5) Grant concessions in state parks and parkways, upon such rentals, fees, or percentage of income or profits and for such terms, in no event longer than twenty years, and upon such conditions as shall

be approved by the commission: *Provided*, That the commission may, by unanimous consent of its members grant such concessions for terms not to exceed forty years in state parks and parkways lying within the Columbia basin area in Douglas, Grant, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties and within Mount Spokane state park. No concession shall be granted which will prevent the public from having free access to the scenic attractions of any park or parkway.

(6) Employ such assistance as it deems necessary. Employ
assistance.

(7) Select and purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire for and in the name of the state such tracts of land, including shore and tide lands, for park and parkway purposes as it deems proper. If the commission cannot acquire any tract at a price it deems reasonable, it may obtain title thereto, or any part thereof, by condemnation proceedings conducted by the attorney general as provided for the condemnation of rights of way for state highways. Acquisition
of land.

(8) Cooperate with the United States, or any county or city of this state, in any matter pertaining to the acquisition for park and parkway purposes of any area not within the limits of any city, and in the care, control, or supervision of any park or parkway, and enter into contracts in writing to that end. All parks or parkways, to the acquisition or improvement of which the state shall have contributed or in whose care, control, or supervision the state shall participate pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be governed by the provisions hereof. Cooperation
with other
groups.

(9) Investigate and report to the governor on or before the first day of January next preceding the regular session of the legislature regarding any proposed park or parkway, and make recommendations respecting other regions in the state desirable for state park or parkway purposes. Report to
governor.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 271, Laws of 1947 and RCW 43.51.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Authority given commission.

The commission may: (1) Study and appraise parks and recreational needs of the state and assemble and disseminate information relative to parks and recreation;

Dissemination of information and literature.

(2) Make provisions for the publication and sale in state parks of recreational and historical literature; and

Promotion of recreational opportunities.

(3) Coordinate the parks and recreational functions of the various state departments, and cooperate with state and federal agencies in the promotion of parks and recreational opportunities.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. Section 5, chapter 271, Laws of 1947 and RCW 43.51.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Authority given commission.

The commission may: (1) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its duties;

Accept grants.

(2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests, devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes;

Certification of workers.

(3) Require certification by the commission of all parks and recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled programs;

Act jointly with other agencies.

(4) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other state agencies, institutions, departments, boards, or commissions in order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of this chapter;

Grant franchises and easements.

(5) Grant franchises and easements for any legitimate purpose on parks or parkways, for such terms and subject to such conditions and consideration as the commission shall specify;

Charge for services and use of facilities.

(6) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities as the commission shall deem proper. All fees received by the commission shall be de-

posited with the state treasurer in the state parks and parkway fund;

(7) Enter into agreements whereby individuals or companies may rent undeveloped parks or parkway land for grazing, agricultural, or mineral development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the commission shall deem proper, for a term not to exceed ten years; and

Rent undeveloped parks.

(8) Determine the qualifications and salary of and employ a director of parks and recreation, and upon his recommendation, a supervisor of recreation, and such other persons as may be needed to carry out the provisions hereof;

Determination of qualifications and salary.

(9) Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated, the commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter: *Provided*, That the commission shall not have power to supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds shall be made available for such purpose.

Additional powers.

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