

Assuming office under act.

SEC. 5. Persons elected to office under the provisions of this amendatory act shall not assume office until the terms of their predecessors have expired.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1959.

Passed the House February 26, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1959.

CHAPTER 87.

[S. B. 336.]

FOREST LANDS—REACQUISITION FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

AN ACT relating to forest lands; authorizing the reacquisition from the federal government of tax title lands; providing for the advance of funds from the forest development account by agreement between the board of natural resources and the board of county commissioners, and the repayment thereafter from future moneys due such county from said account; adding one new section to 76.12 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to 76.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Reacquisition of forest lands —Agreements authorized.

Whenever any forest land which shall have been acquired by any county through the foreclosure of tax liens, or otherwise, and which shall have been acquired by the federal government either from said county or from the state holding said lands in trust, and shall be available for reacquisition, the state board of natural resources and the board of county commissioners of any such county are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the reacquisition of such lands as state forest lands in trust for such county. Such agreement shall provide for the price and manner of such reacquisition. The state board of natural resources is authorized to provide in such agreement for the advance of funds avail-

able to it for such purpose from the forest development account, all or any part of the price for such reacquisition so agreed upon, which advance shall be repaid at such time and in such manner as in said agreement provided, solely from any distribution to be made to said county under the provisions of RCW 76.12.030; that the title to said lands shall be retained by the state free from any trust until the state shall have been fully reimbursed for all funds advanced in connection with such reacquisition; and that in the event of the failure of the county to repay such advance in the manner provided, the said forest lands shall be retained by the state to be administered and/or disposed of in the same manner as other state forest lands free and clear of any trust interest therein by said county. Such county shall make provisions for the reimbursement of the various funds from any moneys derived from such lands so acquired, or any other county trust forest board lands which are distributable in a like manner, for any sums withheld from funds for other areas which would have been distributed thereto from time to time but for such agreement.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the forest development account of the general fund from any sums available and not otherwise appropriated the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars for the purpose of defraying the costs of reacquiring lands in the manner provided in section 1 of this act. **Appropriation.**

Passed the Senate February 21, 1959.

Passed the House March 3, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 9, 1959.