

steps to join the district, shall not preclude its formation.

Passed the Senate February 20, 1963.

Passed the House March 7, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1963.

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CHAPTER 28.

[ S. B. 233. ]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS—COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

AN ACT relating to labor relations of public utility districts and employees thereof; and adding new sections to chapter 54.04 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 54.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

PUD employees may enter into collective bargaining.

Employees of public utility districts are hereby authorized and entitled to enter into collective bargaining relations with their employers with all the rights and privileges incident thereto as are accorded to similar employees in private industry.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 54.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

PUD may enter into collective bargaining.

Any public utility district may enter into collective bargaining relations with its employees in the same manner that a private employer might do and may agree to be bound by the result of such collective bargaining.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1963.

Passed the House March 7, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1963.