

than forty acres for any senior high school purpose; not more than seventy-five acres for any community college or vocational technical school purpose, and not more than fifteen acres for any other school district purpose. Such condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with the laws of this state providing for appropriating private property for public use.

Passed the House February 28, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1963.

CHAPTER 42.

[Sub. H. B. 184.]

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS—MERGERS.

AN ACT relating to fire district mergers; and amending section 5, chapter 176, Laws of 1953 and RCW 52.24.090.

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

RCW 52.24.090
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 176, Laws of 1953 and RCW 52.24.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Fire protec-
tion districts.
Merger of part
with adjacent
district.

A part of one district may be transferred and merged with an adjacent district whenever such area can be better served by the merged district. To effect such a merger a petition, signed by not less than fifteen percent of the qualified electors residing in the area to be merged, shall be filed with the commissioners of the merging district. Such petition shall be promoted by one or more qualified electors within the area to be transferred. If the commissioners of the merging district act favorably upon the petition, then the petition shall be presented to the commissioners of the merger district. If the commissioners of the merger district act favorably

upon the petition, an election shall be called in the area merged.

In the event that either board of fire district commissioners should not concur with the petition, the petition may then be presented to a county review board established for such purposes, if there be no county review board for such purposes then to the state review board and if there be no state review board, then to the county commissioners of the county in which the area to be merged is situated, who shall decide if the area can be better served by such a merger; upon an affirmative decision an election shall be called in the area merged.

A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to approve the transfer. If the original petition should be signed by at least seventy-five percent of the electors in the area to be transferred, no vote shall be necessary.

Passed the House February 21, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1963.

CHAPTER 43.

[H. B. 190.]

PROBATE—CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES.

AN ACT relating to probate law and procedure; and amending section 109, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.40.030.

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

SECTION 1. Section 109, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.40.030 are each amended to read as follows:

When a claim, accompanied by the affidavit required in RCW 11.40.020 has been served and filed, it shall be the duty of the executor or administrator to indorse thereon his allowance or rejection, with

RCW 11.40.030
amended.

Claims against
estate—Allow-
ance or
rejection.