

CHAPTER 167.

[House Bill No. 586.]

HIGHWAYS BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES—BOND
ISSUE—APPROPRIATION.

AN ACT relating to the Washington state highway commission and the department of highways; providing for the acquisition of land and the construction of state capitol buildings and facilities; authorizing the highway commission to construct and finance the same by the issuance of bonds; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Highway buildings and facilities on capitol site, bonds for. Building, bond issue for authorized.

SECTION 1. The Washington state highway commission is authorized in accordance with the provisions of this act and RCW 79.24.500 through 79.24.600 to provide for the acquisition of land and the construction of buildings, laboratories and facilities on the east capitol site for the use of the Washington state highway commission and the department of highways and to finance payment thereof by bonds payable out of special funds from the proceeds of state excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels, or by gifts, bequests or grants or by such additional funds as the legislature may provide. Before start of construction the plans shall be submitted to the state capitol committee for approval and to the joint committee on highways for its advice.

Bonds—Amount—Committee to supervise issuance, sale and retirement of bonds.

SEC. 2. In order to finance the immediate acquisition and construction of the buildings and facilities referred to in section 1 of this act there shall be issued and sold limited obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of four million dollars, or such amount thereof and at such times as determined to be necessary by the state highway commission. The issuance, sale and retirement of said bonds shall be under the supervision and control of the state finance committee which, upon request being made by the Washington state highway com-

mission, shall provide for the issuance, sale and retirement of coupon or registered bonds to be dated, issued and sold from time to time in such amounts as may be necessary for the orderly progress of said project.

SEC. 3. Each of such bonds shall be made payable at any time not exceeding thirty years from the date of its issuance with such reserved rights of prior redemption, bearing such interest, and such terms and conditions as the state finance committee may prescribe, to be specified therein.

Bonds—Terms
and conditions.

SEC. 4. The bonds shall be signed by the governor and the state treasurer under the seal of the state, one of which signatures shall be made manually and the other signature may be in printed facsimile, and any coupons attached to such bond shall be signed by the same officers whose signatures thereon may be in printed facsimile. Any bonds may be registered in the name of the holder on presentation to the state treasurer or at the fiscal agency of the state of Washington in New York City, as to principal alone, or as to both principal and interest under such regulations as the state treasurer may prescribe. Such bonds shall be payable at such places as the state finance committee may provide. All bonds issued hereunder shall be fully negotiable instruments.

Bonds—Signatures—Registration—As negotiable instruments.

SEC. 5. The bonds issued hereunder shall be in denominations to be prescribed by the state finance committee and may be sold in such manner and in such amounts and at such times and on such terms and conditions as the committee may prescribe. If bonds are sold to any purchaser other than the state of Washington, they shall be sold at public sale, and it shall be the duty of the state finance committee to cause such sale to be advertised in such manner as it shall deem sufficient. Bonds issued under the

Bonds—Denominations—Sale of—As legal investment for state funds.

provisions of this act shall be legal investment for any of the funds of the state, except the permanent school fund.

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SEC. 6. The money arising from the sale of said bonds shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the motor vehicle fund and such money shall be available only for the acquisition of the land and construction of the buildings and facilities referred to in section 1 of this act, and for payment of the expenses incurred in the drafting, printing, issuance and sale of any such bonds.

Bonds—Not state obligations—Payable from excise tax proceeds—Pledge to impose tax.

SEC. 7. Bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall distinctly state that they are not a general obligation of the state but are payable in the manner provided in this act from the proceeds of state excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels imposed by chapter 82.36 and chapter 82.40 RCW. The proceeds of such excise taxes are hereby pledged to the payment of any bonds and the interest thereon issued under the provisions of this act and the legislature hereby agrees to continue to impose the same excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels in amounts sufficient to pay, when due, the principal and interest on all bonds issued under the provisions of this act.

Funds to repay bonds to be from portion allocated for state highway purposes—Exception.

SEC. 8. Any funds required to repay such bonds, or the interest thereon when due, shall be taken from that portion of the motor vehicle fund which results from the imposition of excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels and which is, or may be appropriated to the highway department for state highway purposes, and shall never constitute a charge against any allocations of such funds to counties, cities and towns unless and until the amount of the motor vehicle fund arising from the excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels and available for state highway purposes proves insufficient to meet the requirements for bond retirement or interest on any such bonds.

SEC. 9. At least one year prior to the date any interest is due and payable on such bonds or before the maturity date of any bonds, the state finance committee shall estimate the percentage of the receipts in money of the motor vehicle fund, resulting from collection of excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels, for each month of the year which will be required to meet interest or bond payments under the provisions of this act when due, and shall notify the state treasurer of such estimated requirement. The state treasurer shall thereafter from time to time each month as such funds are paid into the motor vehicle fund, transfer such percentage of the monthly receipts from excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels of the motor vehicle fund to the highway bond retirement fund, which fund shall be available solely for payment of such interest or bonds when due. If in any month it shall appear that the estimated percentage of money so made is insufficient to meet the requirements for interest or bond retirement, the treasurer shall notify the state finance committee forthwith and such committee shall adjust its estimates so that all requirements for interest and principal of all bonds issued shall be fully met at all times.

Payment of
bonds and
interest,
procedure.

SEC. 10. Whenever the percentage of the motor vehicle fund arising from excise taxes on motor fuels payable into the highway bond retirement fund shall prove more than is required for the payment of interest on bonds when due or current retirement of bonds, or in the event there is appropriated from time to time additional amounts to be placed in the said bond retirement fund, any excess may, in the discretion of the state finance committee, be available for the prior redemption of any bonds or remain available in the fund to reduce the requirements upon the fuel excise tax portion of the motor vehicle fund at the next interest or bond payment period.

Use of funds
in excess of
that needed
for bond
retirement
and interest.

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SEC. 11. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the state highway commission for the biennium ending June 30, 1967, the sum of four million dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, but no money shall be available under this appropriation from said fund unless a like amount of bonds provided for herein are sold and the money derived therefrom deposited to the credit of such fund.

Emergency.

SEC. 12. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House May 3, 1965.

Passed the Senate April 28, 1965.

Approved by the Governor May 12, 1965.

CHAPTER 168.

[House Bill No. 190.]

REAL PROPERTY TAXES—EXEMPTIONS.

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; providing penalties; and making an effective date.

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

Real property taxes—Exemption of certain retired persons on fixed income. Purpose.

SECTION 1. Due to the tremendous rise in living costs during the past decade, including increased property taxes, the failure of federal old age and survivors insurance and similar types of pension systems to adequately reflect in their pension payments these costs, and because savings once deemed adequate for retirement living are now grossly inadequate, it is therefore deemed necessary that the legislature now grant people retired on fixed incomes some relief from real property taxes. This