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CHAPTER 44

[House Bill No. 160]

PERSONAL PROPERTY--POLICE POSSESSION--
DISPOSAL PERIOD

AN ACT Relating to personal property; amending section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 148, Laws of 1939 and RCW 63.32.010; amending section 2, chapter 289, Laws of 1959 and RCW 63.36.010; amending section 3, chapter 289, Laws of 1959 and RCW 63.36.020; and amending section 1, chapter 104, Laws of 1961 and RCW 63.40.010.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 148, Laws of 1939 and RCW 63.32.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any personal property shall come into the possession of the police authorities of any city (~~of the first or second class~~) in connection with the official performance of their duties and said personal property shall remain unclaimed or not taken away for a period of (~~six months~~) sixty days from date of written notice to the owner thereof, if known, and in all other cases for a period of (~~six months~~) sixty days from the time said property came into the possession of the police department, unless said property has been held as evidence in any court, then, in that event, after (~~six months~~) sixty days from date when said case has been finally disposed of and said property released as evidence by order of the court, said city may at any time thereafter sell said personal property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 289, Laws of 1959 and RCW 63.36.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any unclaimed personal property or moneys in the possession of the governing authority of any city or town, or department or agency thereof, have not been claimed for a period of (~~one year~~) sixty days or more from the date the property first came into such possession or from the date the moneys first became payable or returnable, the governing authority shall cause a notice to be

published at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which such city or town is located. The notice shall set forth the name, if known, and the last known address, if any, of each person appearing from the records of the governing authority to be the owner of any such unclaimed money or personal property; a brief statement concerning the amount of money or a description of the personal property; and the name and address of the governing authority, department or agency possessing the money or personal property and the place where it may be claimed.

Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 289, Laws of 1959 and RCW 63.36.020 are each amended to read as follows:

If the owner of, or other person having a claim to, any such personal property or money does not claim the property or money within ((~~ninety~~)) ten days after the last date the notice was published, such governing authority shall cause any such personal property to be sold at public auction pursuant to a public notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city or town at least ten days prior thereto. The notice shall state the day, time, and place of sale and contain a description of the personal property to be sold.

Sec. 4. Section 1, chapter 104, Laws of 1961 and RCW 63.40.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any personal property, other than vehicles governed by chapter 46.52, shall come into the possession of the sheriff of any county in connection with the official performance of his duties and said personal property shall remain unclaimed or not taken away for a period of ((~~six months~~)) sixty days from date of written notice to the owner thereof, if known, and in all other cases for a period of ((~~six months~~)) sixty days from the time said property came into the possession of the sheriff's office, unless said property has been held as evidence in any court, then, in that event, after ((~~six months~~)) sixty days from date when said case has been finally disposed of and said property released as evidence by order of the court, said county sheriff may at any time thereafter sell said personal property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in the manner hereinafter provided.

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