<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. Nothing in this chapter shall affect the validity or effect of any contract in existence on the effective date of this 1981 act.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1982.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 39 RCW.

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CHAPTER 62

[House Bill No. 181]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—MULTIDISTRICT AUTHORITIES

AN ACT Relating to irrigation districts; and adding a new section to chapter $87.03\ RCW$.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 87.03 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Two or more irrigation districts may create a separate legal authority to carry out any or all of the powers described in RCW 87.03.015. To enable such a legal authority to carry out its delegated powers, the irrigation districts creating the authority may assign, convey, or otherwise transfer to it any or all of their respective property, rights, or obligations, including, without limitation, the power to issue revenue obligations and the power of condemnation. Such a legal authority shall be created and organized by contract in the manner described in chapter 39.34 RCW and shall be a separate legal entity.

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