

a proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or other state-wide question at the same time and in the same manner as the ballot titles to initiatives and referendums.

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CHAPTER 253

[Senate Bill No. 3445]

PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREAS

AN ACT Relating to parks and recreation service areas; and amending RCW 36.68.400.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 218, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1981 and RCW 36.68.400 are each amended to read as follows:

Any county shall have the power to create park and recreation service areas for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of ~~((neighborhood))~~ any park, senior citizen activities centers, zoos, aquariums, and recreational facilities as defined in RCW 36.69.010 which shall be owned or leased by the county and administered as other county parks or shall be owned or leased and administered by a city or town. ~~((The service areas created as hereinafter set forth may finance any of the following park purposes: (1) Acquisition or lease of park sites and buildings; (2) construction of improvements upon county park allocated lands or city or town park lands which will promote leisure time and recreational activities of residents on a neighborhood basis, including but not limited to the construction of field houses, swimming pools, tennis courts, playfields, and other facilities; (3) maintenance of any park or recreational facility owned or leased by a county, city, or town, including the purchase of))~~ A park and recreation service area may purchase athletic equipment and supplies ((and)), and provide for the upkeep of park buildings, grounds and facilities((, and (4) engaging)), and provide custodial, recreational and park program personnel at any park or recreational facility owned or leased by the service area or a county, city, or town. A park and recreation service area shall be a quasi-municipal corporation, an independent taxing "authority" within the meaning of section 1, Article 7 of the Constitution, and a "taxing district" within the meaning of section 2, Article 7 of the Constitution.

A park and recreation service area shall constitute a body corporate and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes as

well as all other powers that may now or hereafter be specifically conferred by statute.

The county legislative authority shall be the governing body of any park and recreation service area which is created within the county: PROVIDED, That where a park and recreation service area includes an incorporated city or town within the county, the park and recreation service area may be governed as provided in an interlocal agreement adopted pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW. The voters of a park and recreation service area shall be all registered voters residing within the service area.

A multicounty park and recreation service area shall be governed as provided in an interlocal agreement adopted pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW.

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CHAPTER 254

[Senate Bill No. 3830]

STREET VACATIONS

AN ACT Relating to street vacations; and amending RCW 35.79.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 28, Laws of 1969 and RCW 35.79.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The hearing on such petition may be held before the legislative authority, or before a committee thereof upon the date fixed by resolution or at the time said hearing may be adjourned to. If the hearing is before such a committee the same shall, following the hearing, report its recommendation on the petition to the legislative authority which may adopt or reject the recommendation. If such hearing be held before such a committee it shall not be necessary to hold a hearing on the petition before such legislative authority. If the legislative authority determines to grant said petition or any part thereof, such city or town shall be authorized and have authority by ordinance to vacate such street, or alley, or any part thereof, and the ordinance may provide that it shall not become effective until the owners of property abutting upon the street or alley, or part thereof so vacated, shall compensate such city or town in an amount which does not exceed one-half the appraised value of the area so vacated, except in the event the subject property or portions thereof were acquired at public expense, compensation may be required in an amount equal to the full appraised value of the vacation: PROVIDED, That such ordinance may provide that the city retain an easement or the right to exercise and grant easements in respect to the