

Before said personal property shall be sold, (~~if the name and address of the owner thereof be known, at least ten days' notice of such sale shall be given him either personally or by leaving a written notice at his residence or place of doing business with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident or employed therein; or if the name or residence of the owner be not known;~~) a notice of such sale fixing the time and place thereof which shall be at a suitable place, which will be noted in the advertisement for sale, and containing a description of the property to be sold shall be published at least once in an official newspaper in said county at least ten days prior to the date fixed for said sale. The notice shall be signed by the sheriff or his deputy. If the owner fails to reclaim said property prior to the time fixed for the sale in such notice, the sheriff or his deputy shall conduct said sale and sell the property described in the notice at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, and upon payment of the amount of such bid shall deliver the said property to such bidder.

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Passed the House February 29, 1988.

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CHAPTER 133

[House Bill No. 1278]

WEED CONTROL IN LAKES

AN ACT Relating to the removal of weeds from lakes; and adding a new section to chapter 90.24 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 90.24 RCW to read as follows:

A superior court may continue its jurisdiction over weed control in those lakes that had been under the court's jurisdiction for such purposes prior to July 28, 1985. The continuing jurisdiction of a superior court for such weed control purposes shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 90.24 RCW in the same manner as the continuing jurisdiction of a superior court over the maintenance of lake water levels.

The superior court shall hold hearings under RCW 90.24.040 whenever subsequent petitions are filed with it concerning weed control on a lake over which it has continuing jurisdiction for weed control purposes. If the court finds that the weed control proposals are in the best interests of the abutting property owners, it shall determine what measures should be taken to accomplish these objectives, the probable annual cost thereof, and by its order apportion the cost among the persons whose property abuts on the lake in proportion to the lineal feet of waterfront owned by each, which sum shall

constitute a lien against the real property. Payments of these sums shall be made to the county treasurer who shall place these payments into a special fund to be known as "Lake weed removal fund." The court shall appoint a suitable person, to be compensated by the property owners, to undertake weed control activities as decreed by the court.

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CHAPTER 134

[Substitute House Bill No. 1297]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS—FORECLOSURES— LIENS

AN ACT Relating to irrigation district foreclosure of property with delinquent assessments; amending RCW 87.03.270; adding a new section to chapter 87.03 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 87 RCW; and repealing RCW 87.03.310, 87.03.315, 87.03.320, 87.03.325, 87.03.330, 87.03.335, 87.03.340, 87.03.345, 87.03.350, 87.03.355, 87.03.360, 87.03.370, 87.03.375, 87.03.380, 87.03.385, 87.03.390, 87.03.395, 87.03.400, 87.03.405, 87.03.410, 87.03.415, and 87.03.425.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Date of delinquency" means the date when the assessment first became delinquent under chapter 87.03 RCW.

(2) "Description of property" means a legal description, the parcel number, tax number, or other description that sufficiently describes the property or specific parcel of land.

(3) "Minimum bid sheet" means the informational sheet which is prepared by the treasurer for use at the treasurer's sale and which contains a description of the various properties and the minimum bid required for each.

(4) "Party in interest" means an occupant of the property, the owner of record, and any other person having a financial interest of record in the property.

(5) "Treasurer" means the irrigation district treasurer. However, if the county treasurer acts as ex officio district treasurer in accordance with RCW 87.03.440, then "treasurer" means the county treasurer.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) After thirty-six calendar months from the month of the date of delinquency, the treasurer shall prepare certificates of delinquency on the property for the unpaid irrigation district assessments, and for costs and interest. An individual certificate of delinquency may be prepared for each property or the individual certificates may be compiled