

soldiers, sailors and marines and members of the state militia, who would have been entitled to admission to a soldiers' home or colony in this state at the time of death but for the fact that they were not indigent and unable to earn a support for themselves and families, which widows have since the death of their said husbands become indigent and unable to earn a support for themselves: *Provided*, That such widows are not less than fifty years of age and were married and living with their husbands on or before three years prior to said application, and have not been married since the decease of their said husbands to any person not a member of a soldiers' home or colony in this state or entitled to admission thereto.

Age of  
widows, etc.

Passed the House February 17, 1927.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1927.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1927.

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## CHAPTER 277.

[H. B. 284.]

### DIKING DISTRICTS—ASSESSMENTS FOR BENEFITS.

AN ACT relating to diking districts and providing for assessments for benefits, repair and maintenance of diking systems therein against lands belonging to municipal corporations, and amending section 4289 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4289 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of the State of Washington be amended to read as follows:

§ 1946-53,  
Pierce's  
Code.

Section 4289. In case lands belonging to the state, county, school district or other public corporations are benefited by any improvement instituted under the provisions of this chapter, all benefits shall be assessed against such lands, and the same shall

State lands  
benefited by  
improvement  
to be  
assessed.

Costs of  
repair and  
maintenance  
of diking  
system.

be paid by the proper authorities of such public corporations at the times and in the same manner as assessments are called and paid in case of private persons out of any general fund of such corporation; and also all costs of repair and maintenance of such diking system shall be levied against and apportioned to such lands of such public corporations, whether owned at the time of the original improvement or subsequently acquired either by deed through delinquent tax foreclosure or otherwise, in the same manner as such costs of repair and maintenance are levied against and apportioned to lands belonging to private persons, and the same shall also be paid out of any general fund of such corporation.

Passed the House February 18, 1927.

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## CHAPTER 278.

[H. B. 143.]

### RECORDING OF REAL PROPERTY INSTRUMENTS.

AN ACT relating to the recording of instruments concerning real property and repealing section 10596 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington.

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

Terms  
defined:

Real  
property.

Purchaser.

SECTION 1. (1) The term "real property" as used in this act includes lands, tenements and hereditaments and chattels real and mortgage liens thereon except a leasehold for a term not exceeding two years.

(2) The term "purchaser" includes every person to whom any estate or interest in real property is conveyed for a valuable consideration and every