

of recording, transferring, or dealing in any real estate not brought under the provisions hereof.

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CHAPTER 251.

[S. B. 268.]

ESTABLISHMENT OF HARBOR LINES AND HARBOR AREAS.

AN ACT relating to the tide and shore lands of the first class and harbor areas belonging to the state of Washington, and empowering the harbor line commission to establish, lengthen, extend and lease harbor areas and to file plats and appraisements of tide and shore lands of the first class in sections as said commission shall deem expedient, and to sell the same.

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

Commis-
sion may
establish.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Harbor Line Commission to establish harbor lines and harbor areas in front of incorporated cities and towns where no harbor lines and harbor areas shall have theretofore been established, and the said Commission shall have power, whenever in the opinion of said Commission it shall be necessary, to lengthen or to extend any such areas now existing or which may hereafter be existing in front of any city or town, all as is provided for in article fifteen of the Constitution of this State.

Platting and
appraise-
ment of
tide lands.

SEC. 2. Whenever any harbor lines or harbor areas shall have been established as is provided for in section one (1) of this act, it shall be the duty of said Commission to plat and appraise any unsold and unplatted tide or shore lands lying between said harbor area and the adjacent upland.

Filing
of plats.

SEC. 3. Said Commission shall have authority to file any plat of any harbor area or any plat and the appraisements thereto belonging of any tide or shore lands in sec-

tions or as rapidly as the work of platting and appraising may progress whenever said Commission shall deem it expedient so to do.

SEC. 4. The owner of any land abutting and fronting upon such tide or shore land shall have the right for sixty days following the filing of the final appraisal of the tide and shore lands with the Commissioner of Public Lands to apply for the purchase of the lands fronting and abutting the land so owned, in the manner provided by the general law of the State governing the contract and sale of tide or shore lands of the first class.

Applica-
tion to
purchase.

SEC. 5. The owner of any land shall have a preference right to lease the harbor area lying in front of his, her or its land, according to the then existing laws of this State: *Provided*, That such owner shall, within one year after said Commission shall have acted as hereinabove provided, apply in writing to said Commission, for the right to lease said harbor area: *Provided further*, That said Commission may extend the time in which said applications may be made: *And provided further*, That if within said year any other person than the said owner shall apply for said harbor area, the Commissioner of Public Lands shall notify said owner of the pendency of said application, and said owner shall be allowed sixty days from the date of the service of the said notice, within which to exercise the preference right herein granted. If said owner be an actual resident of this State, notice shall be served upon him personally; and if he be not a resident of this State, said notice shall be sent to him by mail to his last known address; and if the address of said non-resident be not known to the said Commissioner, no notice shall be required.

Preference
right to
lease harbor
area.

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