

## CHAPTER 110.

[H. B. 150.]

GIVING TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES  
TIDE AND SHORE LANDS.

AN ACT granting to the United States for public purposes the use of certain tide and shore lands belonging to the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That the use of any tide and shore lands belonging to the State of Washington, and adjoining and bordering on any tract, piece or parcel of land, which may have been reserved or acquired, or which may hereafter be reserved or acquired, by the government of the United States, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon forts, magazines, arsenals, dock yards, navy yards, prisons, penitentiaries, light-houses, fog signal stations, or other aids to navigation, be and the same is hereby granted to the United States, so long as the upland adjoining such tide or shore lands shall continue to be held by the government of the United States for any of the public purposes above mentioned: *Provided*, That this grant shall not extend to or include any lands covered by more than four fathoms of water at ordinary low tide; and shall not be construed to prevent the citizens of the State of Washington from using said lands for the taking of food fishes so long as such fishing does not interfere with the public use of them by the United States: *And Provided further*, That whenever the government of the United States shall cease to hold for public purposes any such tract, piece or parcel of land, the use of the tide and shore lands bordering thereon shall revert to the State of Washington.

In front of  
forts, maga-  
zines, etc.

Use only  
granted.

SEC. 2. Whenever application is made to the board of state land commissioners by any department of the United States government for the use of any tide or shore lands belonging to the State of Washington, and adjoining and bordering on any upland held by the United

States for any of the purposes mentioned in section 1, upon proof being made to said board that such uplands are so held by the United States for such purposes, it shall cause said fact to be entered in the minutes of its meetings, and the commissioner of public lands shall certify such fact to the governor and he shall issue a deed, which shall be at-  
 Deed.

tested by the secretary of state, conveying the use of such lands, for said purposes, to the United States, so long as it shall continue to hold for said public purposes the uplands adjoining said tide and shore lands.

SEC. 3. Whenever application is made to the board of state land commissioners, by any department of the United States government, for the use of any tide or shore lands belonging to the State of Washington for any public purpose, and said board shall be satisfied that the United States requires or may require the use of such tide or shore lands for such public purpose, said board may reserve such tide or shore lands from public sale and grant the use of them to the United States, so long as it may require the use of them for such public purpose; and the commissioner of public lands of the State of Washington shall certify such fact to the governor, who shall thereupon execute an easement to the United States, which shall be attested by the secretary of state, granting the use of such tide or shore lands to the United States, so long as it shall require the use of them for said public purpose.

Use of lands for public purposes.

SEC. 4. Whenever the United States shall cease to hold and use any uplands for the use and purpose mentioned in this act, the said easement shall be terminated there-  
 Reversion.

by and said tide and shore lands shall revert to the state without resort to any court or tribunal whatsoever.

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