

issuing coupon bonds conformable to the requirements of this act and exchanging the same par for par, for the outstanding bonds as aforesaid, without any further vote of the school district: *Provided further*, That such bonds shall be issued in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, shall be redeemable within twenty years from date of issue, and shall draw a rate of interest not to exceed six per centum per annum.”

SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1901.

Passed the House March 13, 1901.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1901.

CHAPTER CV.

[S. B. No. 57.]

MAKING THE PACIFIC COAST SEA BEACH IN CHEHALIS COUNTY A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

AN ACT to make the sea shore or sea beach of the Pacific Ocean in Chehalis county, State of Washington, a public highway forever.

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

SECTION 1. That the shore and beach of the Pacific Ocean including the area or space lying between ordinary high tide and extreme low tide (as such shore and beach now are or hereafter may be) from the southerly point of Damon's Point on the north side of the entrance to Gray's Harbor to the mouth of the Queets river, State of Washington, be and the same are hereby declared a public highway forever, and as such highway shall remain forever open to the use of the public.

SEC. 2. No part of said shore or beach shall ever be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of.

SEC. 3. No lease or contract of sale now existing on or for any part or parts of said shore or beach shall be renewed or extended.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. All laws or parts of laws of the State of Washington in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Emergency.

SEC. 5. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 18, 1901.

Passed the House March 13, 1901.

Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1901.

CHAPTER CVI.

[S. B. No. 147.]

REGULATING THE LEASING OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LANDS.

AN ACT to regulate the leasing of petroleum and natural gas lands belonging to the State of Washington, and declaring an emergency.

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

Commissioner
of Public
Lands may
lease.

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of Washington is hereby authorized to execute leases and contracts for the mining and extraction of petroleum and natural gas from any land belonging to the state or from any lands in which the state may hereafter acquire title, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided.

Applications
for lease.

SEC. 2. Any citizen of the United States finding petroleum or natural gas upon any lands belonging to the State of Washington may apply to the Commissioner of Public Lands for a lease of any amount of such land not to exceed one section.

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applying.

SEC. 3. Application shall be made in like manner as the application is made for the leasing of agricultural lands.

SEC. 4. No lease shall be made by the state for any sum less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per quarter section of land for each year during the term of said