

payable on a day certain, of the irrigation district, where such district is under contract with the United States, or any department or agency thereof, to sell its lands and its right, title and interest in its distribution canals and pipelines and its water rights, thereby necessitating the discontinuance of the district operation upon fulfillment of the contract, shall be brought after a period of six (6) years from and after the maturity date of such bond: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to actions not otherwise barred on such irrigation district bonds heretofore issued, if the same shall be commenced within six (6) months after the taking effect of this act.

Limitation  
of actions.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Effective  
immediately.

Passed the House February 21, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 10, 1939.

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## CHAPTER 58.

[S. B. 103.]

### ABATEMENT OF FIRE HAZARDS.

AN ACT relating to cut over lands, providing for abatement of fire hazards thereon, and amending section 1 of chapter 134, Laws of 1929.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 134, Laws of 1929 (section 5807 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 2582 of Pierce's Code), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 5807 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.  
§ 2582 P. C.

Section 1. Any land in the State of Washington covered wholly or in part by inflammable debris

Inflammable  
debris  
constitutes  
fire hazard.

created by logging or other forest operations, land clearing, and/or right of way clearing and which by reason of such condition is likely to further the spread of fire and thereby endanger life or property, shall constitute a fire hazard, and the owner or owners thereof and the person, firm or corporation responsible for its existence are required to abate such hazard. Nothing in this section shall apply to lands for which a certificate of clearance, under section 2 of chapter 207, Laws of 1929 (section 5792-1 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 2569-1 of Pierce's Code), has been issued.

Failure to  
abate.

If the owner or person, firm or corporation responsible for the existence of any such hazard shall refuse, neglect or fail to abate such hazard, the state supervisor of forestry may summarily cause it to be abated and the cost thereof and of any patrol or fire fighting made necessary by such hazard may be recovered from said person, firm or corporation responsible therefor or from the owner of the land on which such hazard existed by an action for debt and said costs shall also be a lien upon said land and may be enforced in the same manner, with the same effect and by the same agencies as the lien provided for in section 3 of chapter 105, Laws of 1917 (section 5806 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 2581 of Pierce's Code): *Provided*, That said summary action hereinbefore referred to may be taken only after twenty (20) days' notice in writing has been given to the owner or reputed owner of the land on which the hazard exists either by personal service on said owner or by registered letter addressed to said owner at his last known place of residence.

Supervisor  
may abate.

Costs  
recovered.

Notice.

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