

CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

[S. B. No. 145.]

PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR STATE LANDS OF THEIR SHARE OF EXPENSE OF DRAINAGE, ETC.

AN ACT to provide for payment for state lands of their share of the expense of constructing drainage ditches, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. When under chapter 21 of the Session Laws of this state for 1889-90 any state land, whether school or granted or other land, is benefited by the improvement made as spoken of in said act, then the commissioners making the order directed to be made by section 9 of said act, shall direct the surveyor or engineer in making and returning the schedule required by said section to include in said return in addition to the matters required by said section, a list of all state land that may be benefited by said improvement, and an apportionment of the number of linear feet and cubic yards to each lot or tract of said land according to the benefit which will result to each from the improvement. They shall also direct that in making such apportionment the surveyor or engineer shall apportion the benefit of said improvement to such land in tracts of not more than forty acres, following any subdivisions of said land which may already have been made, and if no subdivisions have already been made then the surveyor or engineer shall make subdivisions such as seem to him best for increasing the value of the land, and shall designate the subdivisions in his report.

SEC. 2. The part of the report required by section 1 of this act shall in all respects be treated as the parts of the report required by said chapter 21. The county commissioners shall review the apportionment made to said lands in said report, and if such apportionment be just, and such as the benefit from said improvement to said state land warrants, they shall approve and confirm said apportionment, but if such apportionment to any of said tracts be too high or too low in proportion to the apportionment to

Surveyor to include in his list, all state land benefited by improvement.

Benefit to be apportioned to lands in tracts not less than forty acres.

County commissioner to review the apportionment.

other lands, then the commissioners shall raise or lower the apportionment as the circumstances of the case may require.

SEC. 3. When an assessment is made against lands for said improvements, such assessment shall also be made against said state land according to said subdivisions thereof, and said state land shall be put on the duplicate as other lands.

SEC. 4. Should said state land not be sold by the state before said assessment of tax becomes delinquent, then the county commissioners shall direct the payment of said tax out of the general revenue fund of the county, and on the tax duplicate shall be entered opposite said tax the words "charged to county revenue fund."

SEC. 5. The valuation of said state land benefited by said improvement shall not be raised by or on account of said improvement, but when any of such land is offered for sale there shall be added to the appraised value for such lands as provided by law the amount of such payments made by the county out of the county revenue fund, which amount so added shall be paid by the purchaser in cash at the time of the sale of said land in addition to the amount due the state for said land; and said additional sum shall be received by the county treasurer and be placed to the credit of the county revenue fund.

Valuation of state land not to be raised on account of improvement.

SEC. 6. This act shall apply to all proceedings already begun and now pending before the county commissioners as well as to proceedings hereafter commenced under said chapter 21.

SEC. 7. Whereas, there are at present no adequate laws on this subject in this state, and the enactment of a law regulating the subject is seriously needed, an emergency therefor exists, and this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Emergency.

Approved March 9, 1893.