

state as a veterinary inspector of the department of agriculture.

Owners to
select
veterinarian.

Should the owner or owners of any bovine animals desire to select a duly licensed and accredited veterinarian, approved by the director of agriculture, for making such examination and tests in accordance with the provisions of this act, the owner or owners shall pay all expenses in connection with such examination and tests.

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CHAPTER 211.

[S. B. 268.]

DRAINAGE AND DIKING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to drainage improvement districts and diking improvement districts and providing for the issuance of refunding bonds therein.

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

Bonds
payable.

SECTION 1. Whenever any bonds of any diking district, drainage district, or diking or drainage improvement district of this state shall become payable and the board of county commissioners shall determine that it will be for the best interests of the owners of the lands included in such district to issue refunding bonds and to levy an assessment to meet the same they may levy such assessment and fix the time for the payment thereof at either ten or fifteen years, and fix the installments in which such assessment shall be paid as provided for the payment of assessments for the costs of construction under the provisions of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913, and acts amendatory thereof; and they may issue refunding

Refunded.

bonds of the district in the manner hereinafter provided, to provide funds with which to pay such outstanding bonds then payable.

If such refunding bonds are to be deposited with, and the refunding loan to be procured from, the United States, pursuant to any act of the Congress of the United States, the assessment to support said refunding bonds may be spread over such period of years, exceeding 15 and not exceeding 40, and shall become due in such installments, and bear such interest or no interest, as shall be required by the proper official of the United States or by said act of Congress; and the bonds shall be payable in such series, and at such times, and shall bear such rate of interest, or no interest as may be prescribed by such official of the United States or by such act of Congress. The board of county commissioners shall have power to contract for the sale of said bonds to the United States, and to procure a refunding loan from the United States, on such terms and under such regulations as the proper official of the United States or such act of Congress may prescribe; and it shall not in such case be necessary to sell such refunding bonds at public sale.

Used for
refunding
loan from
United
States.

Sale to U. S.

In case no sale of such refunding bonds can be made on more advantageous terms, the county commissioners may exchange such refunding bonds of the district at not less than par value and at not more than the rate of interest of the old bonds for an equal amount of the outstanding bonds of said district.

Exchange
for outstand-
ing bonds.

SEC. 2. The board shall determine the amount of the assessment necessary to be levied to provide funds to liquidate the bonds of the district then payable, including all bonds whose holders may consent to their payment before they are due, and shall cause such assessment to be apportioned to the lands of the district in proportion to the original assessment

Assessment
necessary to
be deter-
mined.

- for construction costs of said district, and shall cause to be prepared an assessment roll showing the assessment apportioned against each tract, lot and parcel of land to be assessed and shall file such roll with the clerk of the board. Thereupon the board shall adopt a resolution which shall set forth:
- Assessment roll.** 1. A schedule showing the bonds outstanding against the district then payable which they propose to refund, and the assessment necessary to be levied to provide funds for the payment thereof.
- Resolution.** 2. That the assessment roll for the collection of the assessments proposed to be levied against the lands of the district is on file with the clerk of the board and open to the inspection of all persons interested.
- Outstanding bonds.** 3. That the commissioners propose to levy such assessments for collection in installments according to the schedule attached thereto.
- Assessment roll open to inspection.** 4. A schedule showing the installments in which such assessments are to be paid.
- Installments.** 5. That the assessments contained in such assessment roll may be paid in full at any time prior to the expiration of thirty days after such assessment roll shall have been turned over to the treasurer for collection and he shall have published a notice to that effect, and that all assessments not so paid shall thereafter bear interest until due at a rate to be fixed therein.
- Schedule.** 6. That the commissioners propose to issue bonds under the provisions of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913, and acts amendatory thereof, or otherwise, as stated in section 1 hereof, payable in..... years (to be stated in the resolution), to refund such outstanding bonds then payable.
- Payment.** 7. A date which shall be not more than sixty nor less than thirty days from the date of the adoption of such resolution, on which the board will hear any
- Bonds outstanding.**
- Date for hearing.**

objections offered to the proposed levy and issuance of refunding bonds, or to the assessment roll prepared by the commissioners.

SEC. 3. Upon the preparation of the roll and the adoption of the resolution, the clerk of the board shall cause to be published in two successive weekly issues of the county official newspaper, a notice containing a copy of the resolution and stating that on the date fixed therein for the hearing the board will meet and hear any objection offered to the proposed levy of the assessment or to the issuance of refunding bonds or to the assessment roll or any assessment therein contained; and stating that all persons interested may file any objection they may have to the proposed levy or issuance of bonds or the assessment roll with the board of commissioners prior to the date fixed for such hearing. The last publication of such notice shall not be less than ten days prior to the date fixed for such hearing.

Publication
of notice
of hearing.

SEC. 4. The board shall meet on the day fixed in the notice or to which the hearing may have been adjourned, and shall consider all objections which shall have been filed, and may modify any action as proposed in said resolution; and may correct any errors in the assessment roll and shall confirm the roll as corrected and shall levy the assessments therein contained for collection as prescribed in the resolution or as finally adopted and shall enter an order confirming said roll.

Hearing.

Objections
considered.

Roll
corrected.

Upon the confirmation of the assessment roll and the levy of the assessments therein contained, the board shall cause the clerk to attach thereto a copy of the resolution and certify such roll and resolution and turn the assessment roll over to the county treasurer for collection in accordance with the resolution attached thereto.

Confirmation
of roll.

Objections
by 60% of
owners.

If before or at the hearing herein provided for protests have been filed by the owners of lands bearing more than sixty per cent of the new assessment in the district objecting to the proposed levy and issuance of bonds, the board shall enter an order dismissing the proceedings and shall charge the cost thereof to the district as a maintenance charge.

Collection
of assess-
ment roll.

Notice
published.

SEC. 5. As soon as the assessment roll has been turned over to the treasurer for collection, he shall publish a notice in the official newspaper of the county, once a week for at least two successive weeks, that the said roll is in his hands for collection and that any assessments therein or any portion of any such assessments may be paid at any time on or before a date stated in such notice, which date shall be thirty days after the date of the first publication, without interest. All assessments levied as provided herein, which shall not be paid within thirty days as herein provided for shall be collected in the manner provided for the collection of assessments levied to pay the costs of construction in drainage improvement districts, and all the provisions of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913, and acts amendatory thereof, shall govern the collection of such assessments so far as the same shall be applicable.

Sale of
refunding
bonds.

SEC. 6. Upon the expiration of thirty days from the first publication of the notice given by the treasurer as provided herein, the board of county commissioners may issue and sell refunding bonds of the district, payable as determined by them in their resolution, in the manner provided for the issuance of bonds to pay the costs of construction in drainage improvement districts; and all the provisions of law governing the issuance, sale and payment of such bonds shall govern the issuance, sale and payment of the bonds herein provided for, except as limited in section 1 hereof.

SEC. 7. The proceeds of all assessments paid within the thirty-day period herein provided for, and the proceeds of the sale of all refunding bonds, shall be paid into a proper fund to be established in the county treasury, and shall be applied to the payment of all outstanding bonds then due in the manner in which such bonds are required to be paid by the law under which they were issued, and such bonds shall be called and paid accordingly. The proceeds of all payments of assessments paid after the expiration of thirty days from the first publication of the notice given by the treasurer as herein provided, shall be paid into a fund to be established in the county treasury, to be known as the "refunding bonds redemption fund," and shall be applied to the payment of such bonds as provided by chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913, and acts amendatory thereof.

Proceeds of assessments and sale of refunding bonds.

Payment of outstanding bonds.

SEC. 8. The assessments contained in the original assessment roll of the district shall be satisfied and cancelled *pro rata* by the county treasurer to the amount of the principal of the old series of bonds that are thus retired.

Original assessments cancelled *pro rata*.

The proceeds arising from the collection of the remainder of the assessments on the original assessment roll of the district shall be applied to the payment of the bonds of the original issue that are not thus retired.

SEC. 9. The powers and duties of the board of county commissioners to make supplemental assessments or reassessments against the lands of the district to make up deficiencies arising in certain cases, as now provided by law, shall be in no wise curtailed by this act, but shall continue to be in full force and effect after such refunding proceedings shall have been had.

Supplemental and reassessments.

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