

## CHAPTER 150

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 412]

## COUNTIES--TAX TITLE LANDS, DISPOSITION

AN ACT Relating to tax title lands; granting certain powers to the legislative authorities of the several counties; and adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The purpose of this act is to increase the power of county legislative authorities over tax title lands. The legislative authority of each county shall have the power to devote tax title lands to public use under its own control or the control of other governmental or quasi-governmental agencies, to exchange such lands for lands worth at least ninety percent of the value of the land exchanged, and to manage such lands to produce maximum revenue therefrom in the manner which derives the most income from such lands. The further purpose of this act is to relieve the courts of the obligation of supervising the county legislative authorities in the management and disposition of tax title lands.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The term "tax title lands" as used in this act shall mean any tract of land acquired by the county for lack of other bidders at a tax foreclosure sale.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, or provisions of law limiting the authority granted in this act, the legislative authority of any county shall have the authority to manage and exchange tax title lands heretofore or hereafter acquired in the manner and on the terms and conditions set forth in this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Whenever the legislative authority of any county deems tax title lands valuable for public use it shall have authority to convey such lands to the county in its proprietary capacity, free from any trust, upon payment by the county of the amount of delinquent taxes, and interest thereon, owing on the land at the time the county acquired same at tax foreclosure sale: PROVIDED, That in the event such lands shall be subsequently sold or leased, or income derived therefrom, the proceeds shall first go to reimburse the county for the cost of such sale or lease, for the cost of any improvements placed thereon at county expense, and the costs of managing such lands, with the balance of such proceeds to be distributed in the same manner as general taxes collected in the year in which such moneys are received by the county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The legislative authority of a county shall have authority to manage tax title lands acquired by it and to make improvements thereon which the legislative authority deems will enhance the value of such lands, or enhance the amount of income to

be derived therefrom. Any proceeds received from the rental of such lands by the legislative authority shall first be used to reimburse the legislative authority for costs of management and costs of rental, and costs of any improvements to such lands paid for by the county and after such reimbursements have been made the balance shall be distributed in the same manner as general taxes collected in the year in which such proceeds are received by the county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The legislative authority of a county shall have authority to exchange parcels of tax title lands for lands of substantially the same market value with other governmental or municipal agencies or private parties or corporations by private negotiation and such lands received by the county in exchange may be held and managed in the same manner as the lands conveyed in exchange by the county, and the proceeds from any subsequent sales or rentals of such land by the county shall be applied and distributed in the same manner as would have been done had such proceeds and income been received by the county for the lands conveyed in exchange by the county: PROVIDED, That before any such exchange is made the lands to be exchanged by the county and the lands to be received by the county shall be appraised by two appraisers appointed by the court for such purpose: PROVIDED FURTHER, That both appraisers agree that the land to be received by the county in such exchange is worth at least ninety percent of the value of the land to be given by the county in such exchange.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The legislative authority of a county shall have authority to lease tax title lands to public or private agencies or persons. The procedures and regulations of RCW 36.34.150 through 36.34.200 shall be followed: PROVIDED, That before any such lease agreement is executed the terms of the lease are approved by resolution of the board of directors of the school district which would be entitled to share in the proceeds of the income received therefrom at the time the lease is executed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The provisions of this act shall be deemed as alternatives to, and not be limited by, the provisions of RCW 39.33.010, 36.34.130, and 84.64.310, nor shall the authority granted in this act be held to be subjected to or qualified by the terms of such statutory provisions.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Nothing in this act shall affect any land deeded in trust to the state forest board or its successors pursuant to the provisions of title 76 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 36 RCW.

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CHAPTER 151

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 438]

WASHINGTON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

AN ACT Relating to public employment; amending section 1, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 2, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.010; amending section 11, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 2, chapter 127, Laws of 1967 and RCW 41.40.100; amending section 18, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 7, chapter 128, Laws of 1969 and RCW 41.40.170; amending section 19, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 7, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.180; amending section 20, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 5, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.190; amending section 22, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.40.210; amending section 23, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 8, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.220; amending section 26, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 10, chapter 128, Laws of 1969 and RCW 41.40.250; amending section 28, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 11, chapter 128, Laws of 1969 and RCW 41.40.270; amending section 34, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 10, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.330; amending section 4, chapter 231, Laws of 1957 as last amended by section 11, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.361; repealing section 25, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.40.240; adding new sections to chapter 41.40 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 2, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.40.010 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context: