

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 77, Laws of 1937 and to chapter 76.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Administra-
tion of lands
acquired.

Lands acquired by the state of Washington as the result of any exchange authorized under section 1 of this act shall be held and administered for the benefit of the same fund and subject to the same laws as were the lands exchanged therefor.

RCW 79.08.180
amended.

SEC. 4. Section 1, chapter 290, Laws of 1957 and RCW 79.08.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Exchange of
lands to facili-
tate marketing
of forest prod-
ucts, block up
state lands.

For the purpose of facilitating the marketing of forest products of state lands, or consolidating and blocking up of state lands, the commissioner of public lands may, with the advice and approval of such state board, commission, committee, or agency exercising control over the disposal of the land involved, exchange any state lands with any timber thereon for any other land of equal value, including other state lands, lands of the United States, county or municipal lands of any character, and privately owned lands.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1961.

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Approved by the Governor March 8, 1961.

CHAPTER 78.

[S. B. 170.]

ELECTIONS—ABSENTEE VOTING.

AN ACT relating to elections; and adding two new sections to chapter 41, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session and to chapter 29.36 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 41, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session and to chapter 29.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Canvassing boards of any primary or election, including a state primary or state general election, shall not tabulate or record votes cast by absentee ballots on any uncontested office.

Absentee voting—Procedure when on uncontested office.

Each voter casting an absentee ballot not counted as provided in this section, nevertheless, shall be credited with voting on his permanent voting history record. Further, such uncounted absentee ballots shall be retained for the same length of time and in the same manner as paper ballots cast in person as provided by RCW 29.54.070.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 41, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session and to chapter 29.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

If the official canvass of any primary or election has been completed and the statutory time has elapsed in which to file a recount or contested election, should any candidate desire to have such uncounted absentee ballots counted which were cast on his position, such request shall be honored under the following conditions:

Requisites for recount of certain absentee ballots.

(1) The request must be made in writing and filed within sixty days following such primary or election with the officer who conducted the election.

(2) The count of such absentee ballots is to be done informally and at the convenience of the election officer concerned but in no event shall the count be delayed more than sixty days from the time application is filed.

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