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HOUSE BILL 1572

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By Representatives Reams, Romero, Wolfe, Sullivan and Blalock

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1 AN ACT Relating to quieting title; and amending RCW 7.28.090.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 7.28.090 and 1977 ex.s. c 80 s 7 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) RCW 7.28.070 and 7.28.080 shall not extend to lands or  
6 tenements owned by the United States or this state, nor to school  
7 lands, nor to lands held for any public purpose. Nor shall they extend  
8 to lands or tenements when there shall be an adverse title to such  
9 lands or tenements, and the holder of such adverse title is a person  
10 under eighteen years of age, or incompetent within the meaning of RCW  
11 11.88.010(~~(:—PROVIDED,~~)). However, such persons as aforesaid shall  
12 commence an action to recover such lands or tenements so possessed as  
13 aforesaid, within three years after the several disabilities herein  
14 enumerated shall cease to exist, and shall prosecute such action to  
15 judgment, or in case of vacant and unoccupied land shall, within the  
16 time last aforesaid, pay to the person or persons who have paid the  
17 same for his or her betterments, and the taxes, with interest on said  
18 taxes at the legal rate per annum that have been paid on said vacant  
19 and unimproved land.

1        (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "lands held for any  
2 public purpose" includes plat greenbelts and open space areas dedicated  
3 to a public agency or to a bona fide homeowner's association.

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