
SENATE BILL 5637

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By Senators Spanel, Gardner and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to reconveyance of forest lands for municipal water
2 supply protection purposes; and amending RCW 76.12.072.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.12.072 and 1983 c 3 s 195 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Whenever the board of county commissioners of any county shall
7 determine that forest lands, that were acquired from such county by the
8 state pursuant to RCW 76.12.030 and that are under the administration
9 of the department of natural resources, are needed by the county for
10 public park use in accordance with the county and the state outdoor
11 recreation plans, or for the protection of municipal water supply
12 sources in accordance with applicable water system plans or regional
13 water supply plans, the board of county commissioners may file an
14 application with the board of natural resources for the transfer of
15 such forest lands.

16 (2) Upon the filing of an application by the board of county
17 commissioners, the department of natural resources shall cause notice
18 of the impending transfer to be given in the manner provided by RCW
19 42.30.060.

1 (3) For applications requesting reconveyance for public park uses,
2 if the department of natural resources determines that the proposed use
3 is in accordance with the state outdoor recreation plan, it shall
4 reconvey said forest lands to the requesting county to have and to hold
5 for so long as the forest lands are developed, maintained, and used for
6 the proposed public park purpose. This reconveyance may contain
7 conditions to allow the department of natural resources to coordinate
8 the management of any adjacent state owned lands with the proposed park
9 activity to encourage maximum multiple use management and may reserve
10 rights of way needed to manage other state owned lands in the area.
11 The application shall be denied if the department of natural resources
12 finds that the proposed use is not in accord with the state outdoor
13 recreation plan. If the land is not, or ceases to be, used for public
14 park purposes the land shall be conveyed back to the department of
15 natural resources upon request of the department.

16 (4) For applications requesting reconveyance for municipal water
17 supply purposes, if the department of natural resources determines that
18 the proposed use is in accordance with the applicable individual water
19 system plans and regional water supply plans, it shall reconvey the
20 forest lands to the requesting county to have and to hold for so long
21 as the forest lands are developed, maintained, and used for the
22 proposed municipal water supply protection purpose. The application
23 shall be denied if the department of natural resources finds that the
24 proposed use is not in accordance with applicable individual water
25 system plans and regional water supply plans. If the land is not, or
26 ceases to be, used for municipal water supply protection purposes, the
27 land shall be conveyed back to the department of natural resources upon
28 request of the department.

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