

# REFERENDUM BILL NUMBER 18

Chapter 126, Laws Extraordinary  
Session, 1967

Official ballot title:\*

## BONDS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$40,000,000 to finance the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The act directs the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to allocate half of the money so raised to state agencies for such acquisition and development as the legislature may direct and the other half to local public bodies for acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities within their jurisdictions. Payment of the bonds will come from unpledged retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature.

Vote cast by members of the 1967 Legislature on final passage:  
HOUSE: (99 members) Yeas, 92; Nays, 2; Absent or not voting, 5.  
SENATE: (49 members) Yeas, 47; Nays, 1; Absent or not voting, 1.

\*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General.

## Statement **FOR**

**Referendum 18 is for all of us, for our children, and for the beauty and prosperity of Washington**

Our exploding population with its increased demand for recreation areas and facilities is crowding existing parks, beaches, streams, game-lands—all of our recreation areas. Between 1960 and 1967, attendance at Washington's state parks increased 300%. Our crowded urban areas need breathing space. Suitable sites are limited and acquisition costs rise monthly. Thousands of acres are bought each year for other purposes—once lost they are gone forever.

**Referendum 18 will assure recreation space now and in the future**

The funds will come from existing revenue sources and will provide \$40 million for acquisition and development of outdoor recreation lands. The funds will be administered by the State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and are to be divided equally between the state and local public agencies.

**Referendum 18 will buy and develop beaches, parks, streambanks, game-lands, boat launching sites, etc.**

This program, which will help preserve and enhance the beauty of the state, and the recreation of all of its citizens, has the endorsement of citizens and organizations throughout the state. Such groups include: The Association



of Washington Cities, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, Puget Sound Interclub Association, American Institute of Planners, Puget Sound Section, Recreation Unlimited, Washington State Association of County Commissioners, Northwest Marine Industries, Forward Thrust.

**SAVE OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE . . .  
PROTECT YOUR FUTURE OUTDOOR RECREATION . . . VOTE FOR REFERENDUM 18—Outdoor Recreation Bond Issue.**

Committee appointed to compose statement **FOR** Referendum Bill No. 18:

GORDON HERR (D), State Senator; SLADE GORTON (R), State Representative; S. E. FLANAGAN (R), State Representative.

Advisory Committee: JAMES WHITTAKER; THOMAS O. WIMMER, President, Washington Environmental Council; RICHARD W. VAN DRIEL, President, Washington State Sportsmen's Council, Inc.; BROCK EVANS, A. W. STEVENSON, Co-Chairmen, Citizens for Outdoor Recreation; A. LARS NELSON, Master, Washington State Grange.

*Explanatory comment issued by the  
Attorney General as required by law*

**The Law as it now exists:**

Under existing law the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities is financed by various state agencies and local public bodies with whatever funds are made available for that purpose. State and local outdoor recreation budgets are presently supplemented by state funds derived from two measures approved by the voters in 1964: Initiative 215, which provides about one-half million dollars a year from unrefunded motor vehicle fuel taxes paid by purchasers of fuel used in boats, and Referendum 11, which authorized the sale of \$10 million in bonds between 1964 and January 1, 1970. The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, an agency composed of state officials and members of the public appointed by the Governor, administers these supplemental funds, allocating one-half to state agencies and one-half to counties, cities, and other local public bodies on the basis of an approved statewide outdoor recreation and open space plan.

Under the state constitution, a law authorizing the state to contract debt through the issuance of

general obligation bonds cannot take effect until it shall, at a general election, have been submitted to and approved by the people.

**Effect of Referendum Bill No. 18  
if approved into Law:**

If approved, the act will authorize the sale of general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$40 million for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities in this state. The money will be allocated half to state agencies and half to local public bodies, and will be administered by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

The act provides for payment of the bonds from a portion of the proceeds of the retail sales tax and such other sources as may be authorized by the legislature, and in addition provides that the bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state for payment of the principal and interest thereon when due.

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Page 42.*

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## Statement **AGAINST**

Referendum Bill No. 18 was overwhelmingly approved by the 1967 Legislature and no member could be enlisted to write a statement against the measure for publication in this pamphlet.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 7. There is appropriated to the pollution control commission from the water pollution control facilities account for the period from the effective date of this act through June 30, 1969, the sum of nine million dollars. The pollution control commission shall request from the 1969 legislature an appropriation from the water pollution control facilities account in an amount necessary to carry out the grant program of this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. For the purposes of this act the terms:

(1) "Water pollution control facilities" means the various devices used in the treatment of sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature, including the necessary intercepting sewers, outfall sewers, pumping, power, and other equipment, and their appurtenances, and includes any extensions, improvements, remodeling, additions, and alterations thereof;

(2) "Public bodies" means municipal or public corporations, counties, or departments or agencies of state government.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the state Constitution; and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the state Constitution as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1967.

Passed the House March 7, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

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# 18

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**pledged retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature.**

LEGISLATIVE TITLE  
(House Bill No. 686)

### OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES—ACQUISITION—BOND ISSUE

**AN ACT** relating to state government; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to finance acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities; specifying methods for the payment of such bonds; prescribing the manner in which the proceeds thereof shall be used; providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW, contingent upon their adoption and ratification thereof.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. The state of Washington possesses unsurpassed natural wealth in the form of mountains, forests, and waters, ideal not only for recreation, but for supplying the special kind of spiritual regeneration that only close association with the outdoors can provide. As the state grows in population, this wilderness is increasingly threatened; prompt action is necessary to preserve it before much of it permanently disappears. Further, the physical expansion of our cities and towns has made it imperative that outdoor breathing space be set aside and permanently reserved for the people who live in them. Such breathing space may take the form of "green belts" especially planned to relieve the monotony of miles of uninterrupted urban or suburban development, or it may take the form of traditional parks. In any case, it must be acquired as soon as possible, while land is still available; and where appropriate, this land must be developed in order to meet the recreational needs of growing numbers of potential users.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities in this state, the state finance committee is authorized to issue, at any time prior to January 1, 1975, general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of forty million dollars or so much thereof as may be required to finance the projects described in sections 7 and 8 of this act. These bonds shall be paid and discharged within twenty years of the date of issuance.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the form of the bonds, the time of sale of all or any portion of them, and the conditions of their sale and issuance. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than their par value, nor shall they bear interest at a rate in excess of six percent per annum.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. The bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to their due date under such terms and conditions as it may determine. The state finance committee may authorize the use of facsimile signatures in the issuance of the bonds.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this act shall be deposited in the outdoor recreation account of the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the act and for payment of the expense incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. The outdoor recreational bond redemption fund of 1967 is created in the state treasury. This fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet bond retirement and interest requirements. The state treasurer shall thereupon deposit such amount in the outdoor recreational bond redemption fund from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the tax commission and certified by the tax commission to be sales tax collections. Such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against all retail sales tax revenues of the state of Washington, except that portion thereof heretofore pledged for the payment of bond principal and interest.

The owner and holder of each of the bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 7. The proceeds from the sale of bonds deposited in the outdoor recreation account of the general fund under the terms of section 5 of this act shall be administered by the interagency committee for outdoor recreation. All such proceeds shall be divided into two equal shares. One share shall be allocated for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities on behalf of the state as the legislature may direct by appropriation. The other share shall be allocated to public bodies as defined in RCW 43.99.020 for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities within the jurisdiction of such public bodies. The interagency committee for outdoor recreation is authorized to use or permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized under this act as matching funds in any case where federal or other funds are made available on a matching basis for projects within the purposes of this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. As used in this act, the phrase "acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities" shall be liberally construed in accordance with the broad interpretation suggested by section 1 of this act. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, acquisition of fee simple or any lesser interests in land, and the development of outdoor areas and facilities for either a single recreational use or multiple recreational uses. The preservation of land or water areas in an unspoiled or undeveloped state shall be among the alternatives permissible under this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized herein, and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 10. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and for all funds of municipal corporations.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 11. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the

first Monday in November 1968, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington, and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the Constitution of the state of Washington, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 12. Upon adoption and ratification by the people as provided for in section 11 of this act, sections 1 through 10 herein shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

Passed the House April 28, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 28, 1967.

Approved by the Governor May 3, 1967.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF

## REFERENDUM BILL NUMBER

# 19

(CHAPTER 148, LAWS 1967, EX. SESSION)

Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:

### STATE BUILDING PROJECTS: BOND ISSUE

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$63,059,000; appropriating the proceeds to finance various building projects for the Department of General Administration, the Department of Institutions, and certain state institutions of higher education; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged retail sales tax revenues or such other means authorized by the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE TITLE

(Senate Bill No. 532)

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### STATE BUILDING AND HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION—BONDS

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AN ACT relating to state government and the support thereof; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to provide for needful land acquisition and buildings for the department of general administration, institutions of higher education and the department of institutions; providing ways and means to pay said bonds; making appropriations; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. For the purpose of providing needed capital improvements for the department of general administration, the institutions