

(4) The provisions of this act shall not be construed as impairing or enlarging any right or privilege acquired in any retirement or pension system by any judge or his dependents.

SEC. 3. For the remainder of the 1961-1963 biennium there is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the state supreme court, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act. Appropriation.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House March 14, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1963.

## CHAPTER 41.

[ H. B. 131. ]

### SCHOOLS—EMINENT DOMAIN.

AN ACT relating to education; amending section 13, page 289, chapter 97, Laws of 1909, as last amended by section 1, chapter 155, Laws of 1957, and RCW 28.58.070.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13, page 289, chapter 97, Laws of 1909, as last amended by section 1, chapter 155, Laws of 1957, and RCW 28.58.070 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 28.58.070 amended.

The board of directors of any school district of this state may proceed to condemn and appropriate not more than fifteen acres of land for any elementary school purpose; not more than twenty-five acres for any junior high school purpose; not more School districts—Eminent domain.

than forty acres for any senior high school purpose; not more than seventy-five acres for any community college or vocational technical school purpose, and not more than fifteen acres for any other school district purpose. Such condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with the laws of this state providing for appropriating private property for public use.

Passed the House February 28, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1963.

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## CHAPTER 42.

[ Sub. H. B. 184. ]

### FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS—MERGERS.

AN ACT relating to fire district mergers; and amending section 5, chapter 176, Laws of 1953 and RCW 52.24.090.

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

RCW 52.24.090  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 176, Laws of 1953 and RCW 52.24.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Fire protec-  
tion districts.  
Merger of part  
with adjacent  
district.

A part of one district may be transferred and merged with an adjacent district whenever such area can be better served by the merged district. To effect such a merger a petition, signed by not less than fifteen percent of the qualified electors residing in the area to be merged, shall be filed with the commissioners of the merging district. Such petition shall be promoted by one or more qualified electors within the area to be transferred. If the commissioners of the merging district act favorably upon the petition, then the petition shall be presented to the commissioners of the merger district. If the commissioners of the merger district act favorably