

**RCW 64.16.005 Aliens' rights and interests in lands same as native citizens'.** Any alien may acquire and hold lands, or any right thereto, or interest therein, by purchase, devise, or descent; and he or she may convey, mortgage, and devise the same, and if he or she shall die intestate, the same shall descend to his or her heirs, and in all cases such lands shall be held, conveyed, mortgaged, or devised, or shall descend in like manner and with like effect as if such alien were a native citizen of this state or of the United States. [2012 c 117 § 195; 1967 c 163 § 2.]

**1967 c 163 adopted to implement Amendment 42:** "This act is adopted by the legislature to implement amendment 42 to the state Constitution approved by the voters of the state on November 8, 1966. Amendment 42 removed constitutional restrictions against alien ownership of land by repealing Article II, section 33 of the state Constitution, as amended and Amendments 24 and 29." [1967 c 163 § 1.]

**Severability—1967 c 163:** "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1967 c 163 § 9.]

The above two annotations apply to 1967 c 163. For codification of that act, see Codification Tables.