

**Chapter 37.16 RCW**  
**ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR PERMANENT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**

**Sections**

37.16.180 Jurisdiction ceded.

**Reviser's note:** Chapter 4, Laws of 1917, herein codified as chapter 37.16 RCW, is discussed in *State ex rel. Bd. of Cty. Comm'rs v. Clausen*, 95 Wash. 214, 163 P. 744 (1917), where it is considered in conjunction with 1917 c 3, a special act authorizing (and directing) Pierce county to condemn property and issue bonds in payment of awards therefor in order to secure the location of Camp Lewis (now part of Joint Base Lewis-McChord) in that county. In prior compilations, Remington omitted 1917 c 4, and Pierce omitted all but section 22, ceding the state's jurisdiction to the United States. 1917 c 4 appears to have been a general act and for that reason was codified herein. Most of the sections in this chapter were subsequently repealed by 1971 c 76 § 6.

*Appropriation authorized in aid of federal or state improvement: RCW 8.08.090.*

*Condemnation for military purposes: RCW 8.04.170, 8.04.180.*

*Eminent domain by counties: Chapter 8.08 RCW.*

*Joint armory sites: RCW 36.64.050.*

*Lease or conveyance to the state or to United States for military, housing and other purposes: RCW 36.34.250.*

*Leases to United States for national defense: RCW 79.13.090.*

*Long term leases to United States by counties: RCW 36.34.310.*

*Tidelands and shorelands grants to United States: RCW 79.125.760 through 79.125.790.*

*Transfer of property to state or United States for military purposes or housing projects: RCW 36.34.260.*

**RCW 37.16.180 Jurisdiction ceded.** Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and especially to paragraph seventeen of section eight of article one of such Constitution, the consent of the legislature of the state of Washington is hereby given to the United States to acquire by donation from any county acting under the provisions of this chapter, title to all the lands herein intended to be referred to, to be evidenced by the deed or deeds of such county, signed by the chair of its board of county commissioners and attested by the clerk of such board under the seal of such board, and the consent of the state of Washington is hereby given to the exercise by the congress of the United States of exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such tracts or parcels of land so conveyed to it: PROVIDED, Upon such conveyance being concluded, a sufficient description by metes and bounds and an accurate plat or map of each such tract or parcel of land be filed in the auditor's office of the

county in which such lands are situated, together with copies of the orders, deeds, patents, or other evidences in writing of the title of the United States: AND PROVIDED, That all civil process issued from the courts of this state, and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of this state against any person charged with crime in cases arising outside of such reservation, may be served and executed thereon in the same mode and manner and by the same officers as if the consent herein given had not been made. [2011 c 336 § 766; 1917 c 4 § 22; no RRS. Formerly RCW 37.08.180.]

*General cession of jurisdiction: Chapter 37.04 RCW.*

*Jurisdiction in special cases: Chapter 37.08 RCW.*