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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2817**

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**By** House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Doumit and Hatfield)

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1 AN ACT Relating to sales of real property by water-sewer districts;  
2 and amending RCW 57.08.015 and 57.08.016.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 57.08.015 and 1996 c 230 s 305 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The board of commissioners of a district may sell, at public or  
7 private sale, property belonging to the district if the board  
8 determines that the property is not and will not be needed for district  
9 purposes and if the board gives notice of intention to sell as in this  
10 section provided. However, no such notice of intention shall be  
11 required to sell personal property of less than two thousand five  
12 hundred dollars in value.

13 The notice of intention to sell shall be published once a week for  
14 two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
15 district. The notice shall describe the property and state the time  
16 and place at which it will be sold or offered for sale, the terms of  
17 sale, whether the property is to be sold at public or private sale, and  
18 if at public sale the notice shall call for bids, fix the conditions of  
19 the bids and reserve the right to reject any and all bids. If the

1 board of commissioners rejects the highest bid, the board shall adopt  
2 a resolution declaring that the bid was rejected.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 57.08.016 and 1996 c 230 s 306 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) There shall be no private sale of real property where the  
6 appraised value exceeds the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.  
7 Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, no real  
8 property of the district shall be sold for less than ninety percent of  
9 the value thereof as established by a written appraisal made not more  
10 than six months prior to the date of sale by three disinterested real  
11 estate brokers licensed under the laws of the state or professionally  
12 designated real estate appraisers as defined in RCW 74.46.020. The  
13 appraisal shall be signed by the appraisers and filed with the  
14 secretary of the board of commissioners of the district, who shall keep  
15 it at the office of the district open to public inspection. Any notice  
16 of intention to sell real property of the district shall recite the  
17 appraised value thereof.

18 (2) If no purchasers can be obtained for the property at ninety  
19 percent or more of its appraised value after one hundred twenty days of  
20 offering the property for sale, the board of commissioners of the  
21 district may adopt a resolution stating that the district has been  
22 unable to sell the property at the ninety percent amount. The district  
23 then may sell the property at the highest price it can obtain at public  
24 auction. A notice of intention to sell at public auction shall be  
25 published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
26 general circulation in the district. The notice shall describe the  
27 property, state the time and place at which it will be offered for sale  
28 and the terms of sale, and shall call for bids, fix the conditions  
29 thereof, and reserve the right to reject any and all bids. If the  
30 board of commissioners rejects the highest bid, the board shall adopt  
31 a resolution declaring that the bid was rejected.

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