

CHAPTER 915

An act declaring portions of revenue derived from lands conveyed to the City of Long Beach by an act entitled "An act granting to the City of Long Beach the tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California within the boundaries of the said city," approved May 1, 1911, and

Stats 1911,
p 1304

Stats 1925,
p. 235

Stats 1935,
p. 793

by an act entitled "An act granting certain tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California to the City of Long Beach upon certain trusts and conditions," approved April 28, 1925, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled 'An act granting certain tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California to the City of Long Beach upon certain trusts and conditions,' approved April 28, 1925, relating to the use of such tidelands and submerged lands," approved May 7, 1935, to be free from the public trust for navigation, commerce and fisheries, and from such uses, trusts, conditions and restrictions as are imposed by said acts.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Finding and
determina-
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SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined: That the City of Long Beach since 1939 has produced and is now producing large quantities of oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances from lands conveyed to said city by an act entitled "An act granting to the City of Long Beach the tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California within the boundaries of the said city," approved May 1, 1911, and by an act entitled "An act granting certain tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California to the City of Long Beach upon certain trusts and conditions," approved April 28, 1925, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled 'An act granting certain tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California to the City of Long Beach upon certain trusts and conditions,' approved April 28, 1925, relating to the use of such tidelands and submerged lands," approved May 7, 1935. That from the revenue derived therefrom, said city has constructed upon said lands, wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and other utilities, structures and appliances necessary or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation, at a cost of approximately thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000). That said city has available and unexpended approximately seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000), also derived from said source, for the uses and purposes required by said acts, and is now receiving and will continue to receive for many years approximately twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) per annum from said source. That, in addition thereto, said city obtains large quantities of "dry gas" derived from natural gas produced from said lands, which is sold by said city to domestic and other consumers. That by reason of the already large expenditure on such lands for the uses and purposes required by said acts, the large additional sums available and to become available throughout the years for such purposes, the expenditure of more than a total of fifty per centum (50%) of such revenue, received and unexpended and hereafter to become available for such uses and purposes, would be economically

impracticable, unwise and unnecessary. That fifty per centum (50%) of all revenue heretofore derived and unexpended, and to be derived, by the City of Long Beach from oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances, other than "dry gas," produced from lands conveyed by said acts, is no longer required for navigation, commerce and fisheries, nor for such uses, trusts, conditions and restrictions as are imposed by said acts. That none of the revenue heretofore derived, and to be derived, by said city from "dry gas" obtained from said lands is any longer required for navigation, commerce and fisheries, nor for such uses, trusts, conditions and restrictions as are imposed by said acts.

For the purposes of this act, "dry gas" is defined to mean "Dry gas" the gas directly produced from wells, which contains one-half of a gallon or less of recoverable gasoline per 1,000 cubic feet, or from which gasoline has been removed by processing.

SEC. 2. That fifty per centum (50%) of all revenue heretofore derived and unexpended, and to be derived, by the City of Long Beach from oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances, other than "dry gas," produced from lands conveyed by said above-entitled acts is hereby declared to be free from the public trust for navigation, commerce and fisheries, and from such uses, trusts, conditions and restrictions as are imposed by any of said above-entitled acts. That all of the revenue heretofore derived, and to be derived, by said city from "dry gas," obtained from said lands is hereby declared to be free from the public trust for navigation, commerce and fisheries, and from such uses, trusts, conditions and restrictions as are imposed by any of said above-entitled acts.

Declaration
of freedom
from public
trust, etc