

CHAPTER 184.

[H. B. 220.]

INDUSTRIAL CODE COMMISSION.

AN ACT providing for the appointment of an industrial code commission to prepare acts for submission to the legislature, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. As soon as practicable after the passage of this act the governor shall appoint a commission, consisting of five citizens of the state of Washington, one of whom shall be a member of the state senate and one a member of the house of representatives of the legislature of 1919, to be known as the "Industrial Code Commission". Each commissioner shall receive a compensation of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day actually employed in the work of such commission, and shall be allowed his necessary expenses incurred in the actual performance of his duties. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable after their appointment and select one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and may employ such persons as they deem necessary to assist them in the performance of their duties under this act.

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SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the industrial code commission to investigate the evils existing in industrial life and the means and methods of remedying the same, and to prepare and present to the legislature of the state of Washington at its next regular session a proposed act, or acts, upon all such subjects, including an act for the prevention of strikes, lockouts and boycotts, and the orderly settlement of industrial disputes.

Duties.

SEC. 3. Each commissioner shall have power to administer oaths and to issue subpoenas for the

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attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers in any inquiry, investigation or hearing in any part of the state.

The superior court of the county in which any such inquiry, investigation or hearing may be had shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers and testimony as required by such subpoena. Such superior court shall have power to punish in cases of failure to appear in testimony as in cases of contempt. Witnesses shall be entitled to such fees and mileage as is provided in the case of witnesses in the superior court.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

Appropriation,
\$25,000.00.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the House, March 8, 1919.

Passed the Senate, March 11, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1919.