

CHAPTER 220.

[S. H. B. 242.]

HONOR CAMPS.

AN ACT authorizing establishment and operation of conservation camps for certain inmates confined in the Washington state penitentiary and the Washington state reformatory; providing compensation for inmates transferred to such camps; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Authority to
establish
honor camps.

SECTION 1. The Director of Finance, Budget and Business, hereinafter referred to as the director, with the cooperation of the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development and the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of Washington, is hereby authorized to establish and operate one or more trusty camps for the inmates of the penitentiary and reformatory who have been ordered transferred to such camps by the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles. Such camps shall be known as honor camps. The Board of Prison Terms and Paroles shall transfer to said camps only those inmates of the penitentiary and reformatory who have served one-third of their minimum sentences and who have been recommended for such transfer by the superintendent of the penitentiary or the reformatory.

Location.

Land
clearing
operations.

No guards or
barricades.

SEC. 2. These camps shall be established on state or county owned lands and inmates transferred thereto shall be employed in the clearing or reforestation of said lands without guards of any kind or barricades, nor shall they be labelled or referred to by number instead of by name, and shall be subject only to rules promulgated by the director: *Provided, however,* That such clearing of lands shall not be construed to mean clearing lands which would ordinarily be cleared in the process of

construction or maintenance of state or county roads.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner of Public Lands, the Director of Conservation and Development and Boards of County Commissioners are authorized and empowered to enter into lease agreements with the Director of Finance, Budget and Business on behalf of the state for such lands, facilities and equipment as may be useful in carrying out the aims and purposes of this act. The said Commissioner of Public Lands, Director of Conservation and Development and Boards of County Commissioners are empowered to accept in full compensation for use of such lands, facilities and equipment the improvements carried out as in this act contemplated.

Lease agreements.

SEC. 4. In so far as may be practicable inmates shall not be transferred to such camps for less than six (6) months nor more than two (2) years and shall be paid at the rate of twenty-five cents (25¢) per day for each day worked, which sum shall be credited to the inmate's account and such inmate shall be permitted to draw not more than one-quarter of the amount earned in any one month at the end of the calendar month. The balance shall be retained and paid to such inmate upon his parole at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per day payable in equal monthly installments beginning on the date of release.

Time in camp.

Wages.

Part of wages retained—payment during parole.

SEC. 5. The said camps shall be under the management, control and direction of the Department of Finance, Budget and Business, the same as state institutions, and in all respects subject to the law creating said department and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Control and management of camps.

SEC. 6. The director shall appoint a supervisor who shall have immediate charge and control of

Supervisor.

Bond.

the camps and inmates admitted thereto, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be approved by the director. The supervisor shall give a bond to the state in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the faithful performance of his duties. The supervisor may appoint such subordinate officers and employees as shall be necessary for the proper conduct of the camps. The supervisor shall hold his office for such time as the director may deem wise and for the efficiency and economy of the camps, and the director shall fix the salaries of the supervisor and subordinate officers and employees.

Monthly reports.

SEC. 7. The supervisor shall make and forward to the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles monthly reports covering activities of the inmates under his charge and any and all other information required or requested by said board and shall carry into effect any order issued in respect to any inmate by the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the following sums or so much thereof as shall be necessary are hereby appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury: For salaries, wages and operations, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); for paying inmates as provided in section 4 of this act, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Effective April 1, 1939.

SEC. 9. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1939.

Passed the House March 3, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1939.