

## CHAPTER 271.

[ S. B. 327. ]

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to parks and recreation; establishing the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission; defining the purposes, powers and duties of said commission; creating the office of director of parks and recreation; and amending section 10, chapter 7, Laws of 1921, as amended by section 1, chapter 36, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10768, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 228-15, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 10, chapter 7, Laws of 1921, as amended by section 1, chapter 36, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10768, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 228-15, PPC), is amended to read as follows:

Section 10. There is hereby created a "State Parks and Recreation Commission" consisting of seven electors of the state which shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now vested in and required to be performed by the State Board of Park Commissioners or the State Parks Committee. The members of the Commission except three shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall serve for a term of six years, expiring on December 31 of even numbered years: *Provided*, That of the members first appointed one shall be appointed for a term of two years, one for a term of four years, and two for a term of six years. Three members may be elected state officials and shall be appointed by the Governor and serve during the term for which they were elected.

In making the appointments to the Commission, the Governor shall choose electors who understand park and recreation needs and interests. No person, except the three elected state officials mentioned herein shall be appointed if he holds any elective

"State Parks and Recreation Commission." Members.

Appointment.

Terms.

First appointees.

Qualifications.

or appointive state, county or municipal office. Members of the Commission shall be entitled to be paid a per diem of fifteen dollars (\$15), except that no public official shall receive a per diem, for each day actually spent on duties pertaining to the Commission, and in addition shall be allowed their expenses incurred while absent from their usual places of residence upon the same basis as expenses are payable to state officials and employees.

Payment on vouchers. Payment of per diem and expenses, and all other expenses pertaining to the operation of the State Parks Commission, shall be made upon vouchers certified to by such persons as shall be designated by the Commission.

Definitions. "Recreation." SEC. 2. For purposes of this act, "recreation" is defined to mean those activities of a voluntary and leisure time nature which aid in promoting entertainment, pleasure, play, relaxation, or instruction.

"Commission." "Commission" means the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chairman, meetings and quorum. SEC. 3. The Commission shall elect one of its members as chairman. The Commission may be convened at such times as the chairman deems necessary, and a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Powers. Study and appraise park needs. SEC. 4. The Commission may: (a) Study and appraise parks and recreational needs of the state and assemble and disseminate information relative to parks and recreation;

Coordinate activities. (b) Coordinate the parks and recreational functions of the various state departments at state level; cooperate with state and federal agencies in the promotion of parks and recreational opportunity; and

Submit report to Governor. (c) Submit an annual report of its activities to the Governor.

SEC. 5. The Commission may: (a) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its duties;

Make rules and regulations.

(b) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof for purposes in keeping with the purposes of this Commission; accept gifts, bequests, devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with the purposes of this Commission;

Accept grants and funds.

(c) All parks and recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled programs shall require certification by the Commission.

Certify employees of parks.

(d) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other state agencies, institutions, departments, boards or commissions in order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of the Commission; and

Act jointly with U. S. and other state agencies.

(e) Determine the qualifications and salary of and employ a Director of Parks and Recreation, and, upon his recommendation, a Supervisor of Recreation and such other persons as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this act;

Employ Director and Supervisor.

(f) Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated, the Commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act: *Provided*, That the State Parks and Recreation Commission shall not have power to supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds shall be made available for such purposes.

Other powers.

SEC. 6. If any section of this act or any portion thereof shall be held to be unconstitutional, such sections or portions of this act shall be held to be severable, and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

Saving clause.

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Approved by the Governor March 21, 1947.