

provements contemplated in the plan of Unit Number Two adopted by the Committee.

Emergency.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1949.

Passed the House February 24, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 48.

[S. B. 29.]

SALARIES OF ELECTIVE STATE OFFICIALS.

AN ACT fixing the compensation of certain elected state officials, legislators and judges of the Supreme Court and the Superior Court; repealing chapter 116, Laws of 1945; chapter 109, Laws of 1923; chapter 90, Laws of Ex. Sess. 1925; chapter 163, Laws of Ex. Sess. 1925; chapter 226, Laws of 1939; chapter 124, Laws of 1919; section 02.04, chapter 79, Laws of 1947; chapter 94, Laws of 1907; amending section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1907, as last amended by chapter 194, Laws of 1947; and declaring an emergency.

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

SALARIES OF
ELECTIVE STATE
OFFICIALS.

SECTION 1. The annual salaries of the following named state elected officials shall be: Governor, fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); Lieutenant Governor, six thousand dollars (\$6,000); Secretary of State, eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500); State Treasurer, eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500); State Auditor, eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500); Attorney General, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); Superintendent of Public Instruction, eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500); Commissioner of Public Lands, eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500); State Insurance Commissioner, eight thousand five hundred dollars

(\$8,500); members of the Legislature shall receive for their services twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, and in addition, ten cents (10¢) per mile for travel to and from legislative sessions: *Provided, however,* That anyone appointed to fill any vacancy that may occur in either the senate or house shall not receive any compensation for salary as herein provided until such appointee shall have qualified for office and shall have taken his oath of office at the next convening regular or special session of the Legislature.

SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 1, chapter 194, Laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows: Amendment

Section 1. Each judge of the Supreme Court shall receive an annual salary of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), but no salary warrant shall be issued to any judge of the Supreme Court until he shall have made and filed with the State Auditor an affidavit that no matter referred to him for opinion or decision has been uncompleted or undecided by him for more than six months. Each judge of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). Supreme court judges.
Affidavit of completed work.
Superior court judges.

SEC. 3. The annual salaries provided for in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be payable to all such elective state officers from the effective date of this act. Effective date for payments.

SEC. 4. Chapter 116, Laws of 1945; chapter 109, Laws of 1923; chapter 90, Laws of Ex. Sess. 1925; chapter 163, Laws of Ex. Sess. 1925; chapter 226, Laws of 1939; chapter 124, Laws of 1919; section 02.04, chapter 79, Laws of 1947; chapter 94, Laws of 1907, are hereby repealed. Repealing clause.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate support and preservation of the state government Emergency.

and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1949.

Passed the House February 26, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 5, 1949.

CHAPTER 49.

[S. B. 278.]

EXCISE TAX—AIRCRAFT.

AN ACT relating to the taxation and registration of aircraft; providing for an excise tax upon certain aircraft in lieu of property taxes thereon, and for the allocation of revenues derived therefrom; prescribing certain duties of certain state and county officers; and amending sections 23 and 25, chapter 185, Laws of 1947.

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

Definitions. SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act, unless otherwise required by the context:

"aircraft." The word "aircraft" means any weight-carrying device or structure for navigation of the air, designed to be supported by the air, but which is heavier than air and is mechanically driven;

"Director." The word "Director" means the Director of Aeronautics; and

"person." The word "person" shall include a firm, partnership, or corporation.

Excise tax on use of aircraft. SEC. 2. An annual excise tax is hereby imposed for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state. Said tax shall be collected for each calendar year by the auditor of the county in which the aircraft is based, and paid on and after the first day of December of the preceding year. No additional tax shall be imposed under this act upon any aircraft upon the transfer of ownership thereof, if the tax imposed by this act with respect to such aircraft has

Payment of tax.

No tax on transfer of ownership.