

CHAPTER 171.

[S. B. 204.]

INVESTIGATION OF TAXATION.

AN ACT authorizing the Governor to investigate the subject of taxation and to employ assistance in making such investigation, and making an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, real property and tangible personal property are now bearing the entire burden of taxation; and

WHEREAS, this class of property cannot be any more burdened without confiscation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that some steps be taken to bring about a more equitable and fair distribution of the burdens of government as related to raising of revenue; therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Governor of the State of Washington be, and he is hereby, empowered to take such steps as he shall deem necessary to properly investigate the entire subject of taxation.

Governor
authorized
to make.

SEC. 2. That he shall employ such expert assistants as he may deem necessary to make a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the entire subject of taxation.

Assistants.

SEC. 3. That he shall make and publish a report of his findings and recommendations regarding the subject of taxation at least six months before the meeting of the next Legislature and file his report with the Legislature for its information.

Report.

SEC. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the Governor of the State of Washington the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary to be ex-

Appropriation
\$20,000.00.

pended upon his personal voucher to pay the expenses of said investigation.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1921.

Passed the House March 8, 1921.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1921.

CHAPTER 172.

[S. B. 233.]

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATORS.

AN ACT providing for the amendment of section 23, article II, of the constitution of the state of Washington, relating to compensation to be paid members of the legislature.

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

Submission
to voters.

SECTION 1. That at the general election to be held in this state on Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1922, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this state, for their adoption and approval or rejection, an amendment to Article II of the Constitution of the State of Washington, so that section 23 of said Article II when amended shall read as follows:

Compensa-
tion.

Section 23. Each member of the Legislature shall receive for his services, ten dollars for each day's attendance during the session, and ten cents for every mile he shall travel in going to and returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature, on the most usual route.

Publication
of amend-
ment.

SEC. 2. The secretary of state shall cause the foregoing amendment to be published for at least three months next preceding the election, in some