shall embody the provisions of sections 1 to 5 inclusive of this act and the county treasurer shall use such form in all cases hereunder.

Sec. 6. In case any part or portion of this act shall be held unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any other part or portion of this act not adjudged unconstitutional.

Sec. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House December 30, 1933.
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CHAPTER 54.
[S. H. B. 215.]

SURVEY OF NATURAL, AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES.

An Act relating to the natural, agricultural and industrial resources of the state, providing for surveys thereof and plans for conservation, development and utilization of the same; the planning of public works; creating a state planning council, defining the powers and duties thereof, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created an agency to be known as the Washington State Planning Council, consisting of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Governor. The members shall be selected without regard to political affiliation, and they shall serve without compensation but shall be repaid actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The terms of the members first appointed shall be three (3) for the
term of six (6) years, three for the term of four (4) years, and three (3) for the term of two (2) years; thereafter the term of each member shall be six (6) years from and after the expiration of the term of his predecessor. Members shall be removed only for cause. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor. The members shall select one of their members as chairman. The council may employ an executive secretary and technical, clerical and other assistance.

Sec. 2. In order that the people of the State of Washington shall realize the greatest possible benefit from the natural, agricultural, industrial and other resources of the state, including (a) (b) communication and transportation facilities, (c) fisheries, (d) forests, (e) industrial and commercial establishments, (f) lands, (g) mines and minerals, (h) rivers and harbors, (i) wild life and recreational facilities, (j) water sheds furnishing water for irrigation and domestic use, the council shall have power and it shall be its duty:

1. To make inquiries, investigations and surveys concerning the resources of all sections of the state.
2. To assemble and analyze the data thus obtained, and to formulate plans for the conservation of such resources and the planned and systematic utilization and development thereof.
3. To make recommendations, from time to time, as to the best methods of such conservation, utilization and development.
4. To cooperate with the United States, other states or territories and their agencies, and the departments of the State of Washington and all other public agencies of this state in such planning, conservation, utilization and development of resources: Provided, however, That nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to the natural water
power resources of the state or to any publicly owned utility and/or electrical transmission and/or distribution system: *Provided, further,* That nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to state lands.

**Sec. 3.** The council shall prepare and perfect from time to time a state master plan for flood control, state public reservations, financed in whole or in part from moneys collected by the state, sites for state public buildings and for the economical and orderly development of the natural, agricultural and industrial resources of the state. Such master plan shall be adopted and amended only by a majority vote of the council. Such master plan shall be a guide to the council in making recommendations to the officers, boards, commissions and departments of the state. Whenever an improvement is proposed to be established by the state, the state agency having charge of the establishment thereof shall request of the council a report thereon, and such report shall be furnished within a reasonable time after such request. In case such an improvement is not established in conformity with the report so furnished, the state agency having charge of the establishment thereof shall file in its office and with the state planning council a statement setting forth its reasons for rejecting or varying from such report and such statements shall be open to public inspection. The council shall, so far as possible, secure the cooperation of adjacent states and of counties and municipalities within the state in the coordination of their proposed improvements with such master plan.

**Sec. 4.** The council, or any member thereof, when authorized to do so by a majority of the council, may hold public hearings and may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence.
Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 55.
[S. H. B. 64.]
MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to transportation by motor vehicles over the public highways of the State of Washington; providing for the supervision, regulation and taxation thereof and the payment of fees therefor; amending sections 1, 5, 13, 15, 16, 21, 23, 25, 28, 31, 32, 33 and repealing section 38 of chapter 166 of the Laws of 1933, and adding new sections thereto, and amending section 15, of chapter 96, Laws of 1921, as amended by section 27, chapter 166, Laws of 1933; providing penalties for the violation of this act; repealing provisions of existing laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 166 of the Laws of 1933 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The business of operating as a motor carrier of property for hire along the highways of this state is declared to be a business affected with the public interest. The rapid increase of motor carrier freight traffic, and the fact that under existing law many motor trucks are not effectively regulated, have increased the dangers and hazards on public highways and make it imperative that more stringent regulations should be employed to the end that the highways may be rendered safer for the use of the general public; that the wear of such highways