

Improvement  
of rivers.

prevent overflow thereof, and confine such river or stream within its proper channel, or to straighten the channel by dredging or construction of a new channel; to construct any levee, embankment, channel, or other construction at such point where such land is acquired, as in their judgment they may deem necessary or advisable, to protect and render more secure the banks of any river by constructing therein stone or mason work, contrivance or piling or such other construction as in their judgment is best adapted to accomplish such purpose; to remove log jams or obstructions that may be or hereafter form in such river, and to do any other act to prevent the formation of any obstruction in such river or stream.

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## CHAPTER 163.

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### STATE POLICY FOR CONTROL OF FLOODS.

AN ACT relating to flood control, providing for a state policy therefor in cooperation with the United States and flood control districts in this state, granting certain powers to counties, cities, towns, diking, drainage and waterway districts in relation thereto, making an appropriation therefor and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

State policy  
for control  
of floods.

SECTION 1. It is the purpose of the State of Washington, in the exercise of its sovereign and police powers, and in the interests of public welfare, to establish a state policy for the control of floods to the extent practicable and by economically feasible methods.

- SEC. 2. The state director of conservation and development, in cooperation with the secretary of war, acting through the corps of engineers of the United States army, and any other agencies of the United States, and in cooperation with any official, agency or institution of the state and any flood control district created under the laws of the state, and any county, or any counties acting jointly pursuant to chapter 54 of the Session Laws of 1913, shall act for the state in the formulation of plans for the control of floods in the several flood areas of the state, and shall consider the extent to which the state should participate therein with the United States and/or any flood control district, or county, or counties so acting jointly. In case of Federal participation, the plan of development and the surveys, plans and specifications for such flood control projects shall be in accordance with the Federal requirements therefor.
- SEC. 3. State participation in flood control projects shall be in such as are affected with a state interest and to such extent as the legislature may determine.
- SEC. 4. The state director of conservation and development, when state funds shall be available therefor, shall have authority on behalf of the state to enter into contracts with the United States or any agency thereof and/or with any such flood control district, county, or counties so acting jointly, for flood control purposes for any such flood control district, county or counties so acting jointly, the amount of the state's participation in any such contract to be such sum as may be appropriated therefor, or, in event of unallocated state appropriations for flood control purposes, in such necessary sum as to any such contract as he shall determine.
- SEC. 5. For flood control plans and surveys, not made or contemplated to be made by the United

Authority given to.

Formulation of plans.

Federal participation.

State participation.

Director of conservation and development.

Contracts.

Appropriations.

Appropriation from general fund.

States, for expenses preliminary to the creation of flood control districts, and for state participation in flood control projects there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund to the department of conservation and development the sum of \$250,000.00.

Contract for maintenance, repair, etc. of flood control works.

SEC. 6. In any case where the boundaries of any flood control district shall embrace all or any part of any county, city, town, diking, drainage or waterway district, subject to flood conditions, the governing authorities thereof may contract with the directors of such flood control district, with the written approval of the state director, for the maintenance, repair, renewal and extension of any existing flood control works of such county, city, town, diking, drainage or waterway district, situated within the flood control district, and for the construction and maintenance of specific flood control projects, for such term of years and for the payment to such flood control district therefor of such annual sums as in said contract specified.

Special flood control projects.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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