CHAPTER 6.
[S. B. 48.]

RELATING TO CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

An Act relating to civilian defense, authorizing counties to engage therein; to appropriate and expend county current expense funds therefor subject to certain limitations; to accept federal, state, and private funds therefor, and providing for the disbursement thereof; to enter into agreements with cities, towns, other counties, and the State of Washington relating thereto and to perform acts and services thereunder; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for counties to engage in civilian defense.

SEC. 2. County Commissioners are hereby authorized to appropriate out of the current expense fund, and to expend out of any such monies now or hereafter appropriated, such sums as may by them be deemed necessary to the coordination of civilian defense activities within their county. Any funds so appropriated and expended shall be disbursed in the manner provided by law for the expenditure of other current expense monies and shall be subject to all constitutional and statutory limitations herebefore imposed upon counties in the levying of taxes and the disbursement of the proceeds thereof and in the creation of county indebtedness: Provided, That any appropriation from current expense funds for this purpose made by the County Commissioners in 1942 for expenditure in the calendar year 1943 in accordance with their regular budget procedure shall be deemed legal appropriations within the meaning of this act and funds may be lawfully expended therefrom for the purposes herein defined.

SEC. 3. County Commissioners are hereby authorized to accept from the federal government, the State of Washington, or from private individuals...
any sums appropriated or contributed for the co-
ordination of civilian defense activities and to ex-
pend such monies for such purposes. All monies
accepted under the authority granted in this sec-
tion shall be placed in the county current expense
fund, appropriated therefrom and expended in the
manner provided for other current expense fund dis-
bursements.

Sec. 4. County Commissioners shall have the
power to enter into agreements jointly with incor-
porated cities and towns within their counties, with
the boards of County Commissioners of adjacent
counties, with the State of Washington, or with all
of them, relating to the coordination of civilian de-
fense activities and to perform the acts and services
necessary to the execution of such agreements:
Provided, That no monies shall be expended by any
board of County Commissioners except in the man-
ner herein provided nor may the authority to com-
mit such funds be delegated.

Sec. 5. For the purposes of this act "Civilian
Defense" shall mean any organized effort designed
by the State Civilian Defense Council, the local Civil-
ian Defense Council, or other public agency, for the
protection of public health and safety and the preser-
vation of property, the basic personnel of which is
composed of volunteers who are compensated
neither in whole nor in part for their services. "The
Coordination of Civilian Defense Activities" may
extend to the construction and maintenance of ob-
seration posts and other similar structures not
otherwise available, to transportation of volunteer
civilian defense workers to their posts of duty when
such transportation would work an unjust or undue
hardship upon such workers were it not so provided,
to the maintenance of adequate communications
facilities where such are vital to public safety and
are not otherwise available, and to other similar
assistance in the coordination of volunteer effort but
may not extend to the compensation of personnel
except within the office of county civilian defense
coordinator as defined by the State Civilian Defense
Council.

Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of public health, peace and safety and
shall take effect immediately.

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Approved by the Governor February 1, 1943.

CHAPTER 7.
[S. B. 24.]
DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE PENITEN-
tiary, Eastern State Custodial School and
State School for the Blind.

An Act making deficiency appropriations for the payment of
salaries and wages and operations of the State Penitentiary,
Eastern State Custodial School and State School for the
Blind and declaring an emergency.

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

Definitions.

Section 1. The words "salaries and wages" whenever used in this act shall mean and include
salaries and wages of executive officers and em-
ployees and all compensation for direct labor or
personal service rendered.

The word "operations" whenever used in this act
shall mean and include necessary traveling expenses
of officers and employees and all expenses neces-
sary for supplies, material, services and mainte-
nance, other than salaries and wages.

Sec. 2. By reason of a deficiency existing in the
appropriations made by the Twenty-Seventh Regu-