CHAPTER 193.
[ S. B. 22. ]
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION
DISTRICTS.
An Act relating to irrigation districts; directing irrigation
district directors jointly to prepare annual reports on
irrigation district operations and authorizing the designa-
tion of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Dis-
tricts, as a co-ordinating agency in the execution of this
act; permitting irrigation districts to reimburse the asso-
ciation for services so rendered; and authorizing the direc-
tors to attend inter-irrigation district meetings.

The legislature hereby declares that public neces-
sity for the uniformity and coordination of irrigation
district operative and development programs is
essential to the agricultural welfare of the State of
Washington, Now Therefore

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

SECTION 1. The Directors of the several irrigation
districts in the state shall take such action as they
deem necessary to effect coordination of their com-
mon programs for the economical and efficient opera-
tion of their districts and the reclamation of lands
therein, and prepare reports annually for such opera-
tions.

SEC. 2. The Directors of such irrigation districts
may designate a State Association of Washington Ir-
rigation Districts as a co-ordinating agency in the
execution of the duties imposed by this act, and re-
imburse the association from district expense funds
in the annual district budgets for the costs of the
services rendered, and the several districts may levy
assessments against the lands therein for this pur-
pose. Such reimbursement shall be paid only on
vouchers approved by the Board of Directors of the
contributing district in the manner provided for the
approval of district vouchers generally, and sub-
mitted to the proper County Auditor for issuance of
warrants thereon. The vouchers shall set forth the nature of the claim involved and shall be signed by the claimant in the manner required by law. The total of such voucher claims for any district in any calendar year shall not exceed two per cent (2%) of the total amount or its equivalent of the expense fund levy of the district for that year.

Sec. 3. The Board of Directors of the several districts may effect the state organization herein contemplated and take such further and other action in behalf of their respective districts as they deem necessary to carry out the intent of this act, including support of and attendance at such meetings as may be required to promote and perfect the organization and to effect its purposes.

Sec. 4. To avoid duplication of effort the association may, in the discretion of its officers, affiliate and cooperate with other reclamation organizations and agencies in the state engaged in the promotion of the reclamation of lands in the state.

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Approved by the Governor March 12, 1947, with the exception of Section 4, which is vetoed.