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Notification to purchaser of grade and quality of honey.

Section 39. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver, sell, offer or expose for sale any honey for human consumption within the State of Washington without notifying the person or persons purchasing or intending to purchase the same, of the exact grade or quality of such honey, according to the standards prescribed by the Director, by stamping or printing on the container of any such honey such grade or quality, and without placing a Washington state honey seal upon each container in which honey is sold, delivered, offered, or exposed for sale: *Provided*, The provisions of this section shall not apply to honey while it is in transit in intra-state commerce from one establishment to the other, to be processed, labeled or re-packed.

Emergency.

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

Passed the Senate March 8, 1949.

Passed the House March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.

CHAPTER 106.

[S.B. 295.]

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

An Act relating to agriculture and soil conservation districts; amending chapter 187, Laws of 1939; and making an appropriation.

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

Amendment.

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 187, Laws of 1939 (sec. 10726-4, Rem. Rev. Stat. Supp.), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4. (a) There is hereby established, to serve as an agency of the state and to perform the functions conferred upon it in this act, the State Soil Conservation Committee. The Committee shall consist of five members; the Director of the Washington State Extension Service; the Director of the Washington State Agricultural Experiment Station located at Pullman, Washington; the Washington State Director of Agriculture residing at Olympia, Washington; and two farm members, who are the owners of farm lands in Washington, to be appointed by the Governor of Washington. The Committee shall keep Powers and a record of its official actions, shall adopt a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed, and may perform such acts, hold such public hearings, and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this act.

State Soil Conservation Committee.

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(b) The State Soil Conservation Committee may Personnel. employ an administrative officer and such technical experts and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The Committee may call upon the Attorney Attorney General of the state for such legal services as it may advisor. require. It shall have authority to delegate to its chairman, to one or more of its members, or to one or more agents or employees, such powers and duties as it may deem proper. The headquarters of the State Committee shall be at the State College of Headquar-Washington in Pullman, Washington. Upon request of the committee, for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions, the supervising officer of any state agency, or of any state institution of learning shall, in so far as may be possible under available appropriations, and having due regard to the needs of the agency to which the request is directed, assign

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or detail to the Committee members of the staff or personnel of such agency or institution of learning, and make such special reports, surveys, or studies as the Committee may request.

Chairman.

(c) The Committee shall designate its chairman. and may from time to time, change such designation. A member of the Committee shall hold office so long as he shall retain the office by virtue of which he shall be serving on the Committee. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. The chairman and members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services on the Committee, but shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties on the Committee. The Committee shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property; shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions, regulations, and orders issued or adopted; and shall provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements.

Members to serve without compensation.

Surety bonds.

Record of Committee.

Additional duties and responsibilities.

- (d) In addition to the duties and responsibilities hereinafter conferred upon the State Soil Conservation Committee, it shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- (1) To offer such assistance as may be appropriate to the Supervisors of soil conservation districts, organized as provided hereinafter, in the carrying out of any of their powers and programs.
- (2) To keep the Supervisors of each of the several districts organized under the provisions of this act informed of the activities and experience of all other districts organized hereunder, and to facilitate an interchange of advice and experience between such districts and cooperation between them.

- (3) To coordinate the programs of the several soil conservation districts organized hereunder so far as this may be done by advice and consultation.
- (4) To secure the cooperation of the United States and any of its agencies, and of agencies of this state in the work of such districts.
- (5) To disseminate information throughout the state concerning the activities and programs of the soil conservation districts organized hereunder, and to encourage the formation of such districts in areas where their organization is desirable.
- (6) The Committee may upon the petition of a majority of the owners of land in any one or more conservation districts or the owners of land in unorganized territory adjoining a conservation district change the boundaries of a district or districts if such action will promote the practical and feasible administration of any such district or districts. The Committee may also upon a similar petition change the name of a district provided the proposed new name is not identical with that of another district or so similar thereto that confusion might result.

SEC. 2. Section 7, chapter 187, Laws of 1939 (sec. Amendment. 10726-7, Rem. Rev. Stat. Supp.), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7. The governing body of the district Supervisors, shall consist of five (5) Supervisors, elected or appointed as provided hereinabove. The two (2) Supervisors appointed by the Committee shall be persons who are by training and experience qualified to perform the specialized skilled services which will be required of them in the performance of their duties hereunder.

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The Supervisors shall designate a chairman and Chairman. may, from time to time, change such designation. The term of office of each Supervisor shall be three Term of (3) years, except that the Supervisors who are first Supervisors. appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of

office of

one (1) and two (2) years, respectively, from the date of their appointment. A Supervisor shall hold office until his successor has been elected or appointed and has qualified. Vacancies in the office of appointed Supervisors shall be filled by the State Soil Conservation Committee. Vacancies in the office of elected Supervisors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Supervisors for the unexpired term. A majority of the Supervisors shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. A Supervisor shall receive no compensation for his services.

Quorum.

To serve without compensation.

Personnel.

Attorney General legal advisor.

Dutics of Supervisors.

Surety bonds.

Record of proceedings.

The Supervisors may employ secretary, technical experts, and such other officers, agents, and employees, permanent and temporary, as they may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The Supervisors may call upon the Attorney General of the state for such legal services as they may require, or may employ their own counsel and legal staff. The Supervisors may delegate to their chairman, to one or more Supervisors, or to one or more agents, or employees such powers and duties as they may deem proper. The Supervisors shall furnish to the State Soil Conservation Committee, upon request, copies of such ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, contracts, forms, and other documents as they shall adopt or employ, and such other information concerning their activities as it may require in the performance of its duties under this act.

The Supervisors shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property; shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders issued or adopted; which resolutions, regulations, orders and ordinances shall

be at all times open to public inspection and remain in the custody and control of the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the particular district; and shall provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements. Any Supervisor may be Removal. removed by the State Soil Conservation Committee upon notice and hearing, for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason.

The Supervisors may invite the legislative body Advisors. of any municipality or county located near the territory comprised within the district to designate a representative to advise and consult with the Supervisors of the district on all questions of program and policy which may affect the property, water supply or other interests of such municipality or county.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the Appropria-General Fund to the State Soil Conservation Com- State Soil mittee the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Committee. pay the actual traveling and subsistence expenses of the two farm members of the State Soil Conservation Committee appointed by the Governor incurred in the performance of their duties under the Soil Conservation Act to be paid by the State Treasurer upon vouchers approved by the State Auditor.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1949.

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