provements contemplated in the plan of Unit Num-
ber Two adopted by the Committee.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, and for the
immediate support of the state government and its
existing public institutions, and shall take effect
immediately.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1949.
Passed the House February 24, 1949.
Approved by the Governor March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 48.
[ S. B. 29.]

SALARIES OF ELECTIVE STATE OFFICIALS.

An Act fixing the compensation of certain elected state officials,
legislators and judges of the Supreme Court and the Super-
ior Court; repealing chapter 116, Laws of 1945; chapter
109, Laws of 1923; chapter 90, Laws of Ex. Sess. 1925; chap-
ter 183, Laws of Ex. Sess. 1925; chapter 226, Laws of 1939;
chapter 124, Laws of 1919; section 02.04, chapter 79, Laws
of 1947; chapter 94, Laws of 1907; amending section 1, chap-
ter 57, Laws of 1907, as last amended by chapter 194, Laws
of 1947; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The annual salaries of the following
named state elected officials shall be: Governor,
fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000); Lieutenant Gov-
ernor, six thousand dollars ($6,000); Secretary of
State, eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500);
State Treasurer, eight thousand five hundred dol-
ars ($8,500); State Auditor, eight thousand five
hundred dollars ($8,500); Attorney General, ten
thousand dollars ($10,000); Superintendent of Pub-
lic Instruction, eight thousand five hundred dollars
($8,500); Commissioner of Public Lands, eight thou-
sand five hundred dollars ($8,500); State Insurance
Commissioner, eight thousand five hundred dollars
($8,500); members of the Legislature shall receive for their services twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, and in addition, ten cents (10¢) per mile for travel to and from legislative sessions: Provided, however, That anyone appointed to fill any vacancy that may occur in either the senate or house shall not receive any compensation for salary as herein provided until such appointee shall have qualified for office and shall have taken his oath of office at the next convening regular or special session of the Legislature.

SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 1, chapter 194, Laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Each judge of the Supreme Court shall receive an annual salary of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000), but no salary warrant shall be issued to any judge of the Supreme Court until he shall have made and filed with the State Auditor an affidavit that no matter referred to him for opinion or decision has been uncompleted or undecided by him for more than six months. Each judge of the Superior Court shall receive an annual salary of nine thousand dollars ($9,000).

SEC. 3. The annual salaries provided for in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be payable to all such elective state officers from the effective date of this act.


SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate support and preservation of the state government
and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1949.
Passed the House February 26, 1949.
Approved by the Governor March 5, 1949.

CHAPTER 49.

EXCISE TAX—AIRCRAFT.

AN ACT relating to the taxation and registration of aircraft; providing for an excise tax upon certain aircraft in lieu of property taxes thereon, and for the allocation of revenues derived therefrom; prescribing certain duties of certain state and county officers; and amending sections 23 and 25, chapter 165, Laws of 1947.

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

Definitions.

SEC. 1. For the purposes of this act, unless otherwise required by the context:

"aircraft." The word "aircraft" means any weight-carrying device or structure for navigation of the air, designed to be supported by the air, but which is heavier than air and is mechanically driven;

"Director." The word "Director" means the Director of Aeronautics; and

"person." The word "person" shall include a firm, partnership, or corporation.

Excise tax on use of aircraft.

SEC. 2. An annual excise tax is hereby imposed for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state. Said tax shall be collected for each calendar year by the auditor of the county in which the aircraft is based, and paid on and after the first day of December of the preceding year. No additional tax shall be imposed under this act upon any aircraft upon the transfer of ownership thereof, if the tax imposed by this act with respect to such aircraft has