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State Civil Defense Council created.

Director of civil defense. the Adjutant General, the Chief of the Washington State Patrol and the Director of Transportation. The members shall serve without additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties as Committee members. The Adjutant General shall be chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall exercise general control and supervision of disaster relief, and shall appoint a Director of Civil Defense, who shall be its chief executive and administrative officer, and fix his compensation. All vouchers for disaster relief expenditures shall be signed by the Director of Civil Defense.

Emergency.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect April 1, 1949.

Passed the Senate February 21, 1949. Passed the House March 7, 1949. Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.

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HORTICULTURE—INSPECTORS.

AN ACT relating to horticulture; amending section 3, chapter 166, Laws of 1915, as amended.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 166, Laws of 1915, as last amended by section 3, chapter 150, Laws of 1943 (sec. 2841, Rem. Supp. 1945), is amended to read as follows:

Pay and expenses of inspectorsat-large. Section 3. Inspectors-at-large may be assigned to duty in one or more counties and transferred from one county to another in the discretion of the Director, and their salaries, compensation and actual and necessary traveling expenses shall be paid by war-

rants drawn upon the State Treasurer by the State Auditor, upon vouchers signed and verified under oath by such inspectors and counter-signed by the Director or the Assistant Director and/or upon warrants drawn upon a trust fund derived from the certification of fruits and vegetables in the district in which said certification is performed in an amount not to exceed seventy-five per cent (75%) of the salary as paid by warrants drawn upon the State Treasurer by the Auditor upon vouchers signed and verified under oath by such inspectors and countersigned by the Director or Assistant Director: Provided, however, That such inspectors-at-large shall Inspectorspass an examination by the Director of Agriculture must pass examination. as will prove to his satisfaction that their knowledge and experience qualify them to successfully carry on the work in the district to which they are assigned. In addition to inspectors-at-large whenever a peti- County may tion is presented to the Board of County Commissioners of any county signed by twenty-five (25) or more persons, each of whom is a resident free-holder and owner of an orchard, berry farm, cultivated cranberry marsh or nursery, within said county stating that certain or all orchards, berry farms, fruit farms, cultivated cranberry marshes, or nurseries or trees or plants of any variety or kind, within the county are infected, and that they desire the help of a local horticultural inspector in combating the infection, said Board of County Commissioners shall by resolution request the appointment and assign- Request by ment to duty in such county by the Director of Agriculture of such number of local inspectors and for such length of time as such petition shall specify: Provided, however, That such local inspectors shall Local pass such an examination by the Director of Agriculture as will prove to his satisfaction that their knowledge and experience qualifies them to successfully perform horticultural inspection work. The

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Counties to pay local inspectors.

County not having inspector.

Director of Agriculture to control inspectors. salaries as fixed by the County Commissioners and actual and necessary traveling expenses, within the county, of all local inspectors shall be paid out of the current expense fund of their respective counties upon vouchers signed and verified under oath by such inspectors and approved by the Director or the Assistant Director and ordered paid by the County Commissioners and the County Auditor shall issue warrants therefor upon the said county fund. If any county for any reason fails to appoint a county horticultural inspector as herein provided or if for any reason the county horticultural inspector is not available, then the nearest inspector available may perform such services, and his compensation and the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duty shall be charged against the county where the service is performed, as if he had been appointed by the County Commissioners of said county. All local inspectors shall be under the direction and control of the Director of Agriculture and the Assistant Director. In case any inspector is dismissed from the service or transferred to another place, or to other duties, any qualified inspector or officer of the agricultural department may continue or complete any work or perform any duty initiated by such dismissed or transferred officer.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1949.

Passed the House March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.