

CHAPTER 96.

[H. B. 421.]

STATE CENSUS BOARD.

AN ACT relating to population of cities and towns; creating a state census board to determine population, making an appropriation from the motor vehicle excise fund for such purpose, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a state census board hereinafter referred to as the board, which shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the faculty of the University of Washington, appointed by the president thereof; one a member of the faculty of the State College of Washington, appointed by the president thereof, and one member appointed by the governor. If a member of said board declines to act, resigns, or is unable to act, his successor shall be named as in the original case. The board shall elect a chairman and shall employ such assistance and clerical help as is necessary in the performance of its duties. Each member of the board and any assistants or employees of the board when authorized to make expenditures in behalf of the board shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses. *Per diem* and expenditures herein authorized shall be made upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the board, and shall be paid out of funds allocated to cities and towns under section 82.44.150, R.C.W., as derived from section 5, chapter 152, Laws of 1945, and shall be paid from said fund before any allocations or payments are made to cities and towns under said act.

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created.

Members.

Chairman.
Assistance.

Expenses.

[R.C.W. 82.44.150 is Rem. Supp. 1945, § 6312-128.]

SEC. 2. The board shall as of April 1, 1952, and annually thereafter as of April first, determine the population of all cities and towns of the state; and on

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Certificate. or before June first of each year, except the year 1951, shall file with the secretary of state a certificate showing its determination as to the population of the cities and towns of the state. On and after January first next following the date when such certificate is filed the population shown in such certificate shall be used as the basis for the allocation and payment of state funds to cities and towns until the next January first following the filing of successive certificates by the board.

Basis for payment of state funds to cities and towns.

Officials to assist board. SEC. 3. The tax commission or any other state officer or officials of cities and towns shall upon request of the board furnish such information, aid, and assistance as may be required by the board in the performance of its duties. The action of the board in determining the population shall be final and conclusive.

Determination conclusive.

Appropriation. SEC. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle excise funds, allocated to cities and towns, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for carrying out the provisions of this act for the biennium ending March 31, 1953.

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

Passed the House February 24, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.