

CHAPTER 284.

[S. B. 281.]

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
—DIVISION OF POWER RESOURCES ESTABLISHED.

AN ACT relating to the department of conservation and development; amending section 61, chapter 7, Laws of 1921 and section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1951, and section 1, chapter 173, Laws of 1945, and RCW 43.21.010 and adding three sections to chapter 43.21 RCW; making an appropriation and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61, chapter 7, Laws of 1921 and section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1951 and section 1, chapter 173, Laws of 1945 (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 43.21.010) are each amended to read as follows:

Combination and amendment.

The department of conservation and development shall be organized into eight divisions, to be known as, (1) the division of forestry, (2) the division of geology, (3) the division of mines, (4) the division of reclamation, (5) the division of water resources, (6) the division of flood control, (7) the division of progress and industry development, and (8) the division of power resources.

RCW 43.21.010 amended. Divisions of department—Personnel.

The director of conservation and development may appoint such clerical and other assistants as may be necessary for the general administration of the department.

Note: See also section 21, chapter 215, Laws of 1957.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 43.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The department of conservation and development, through the division of power resources, shall make studies and surveys, collect, compile and disseminate information and statistics to facilitate development of the electric power resources of the state by public utility districts, municipalities,

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electric cooperatives, joint operating agencies and public utility companies. The director of conservation and development may cause studies to be made relating to the construction of steam generating plants using any available fuel and their integration with hydro-electric facilities. He may cause designs for any such plant to be prepared. He shall employ such engineers and other experts and assistants as may be necessary to carry on the work of the division of power resources. All reports, surveys, books, records and papers heretofore in possession or control of the Washington state power commission shall hereafter be in the custody of the division of power resources. All studies, surveys, information and statistics assembled by the division, including those formerly in possession or control of the Washington state power commission, shall be available to the public for reference.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 43.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Aid in developing public utilities—Cooperation with other agencies.

The director of conservation and development may represent the state and aid and assist the public utilities therein to the end that its resources shall be properly developed in the public interest insofar as they affect electric power and to this end he shall cooperate and may negotiate with Canada, the United States, the states thereof and their agencies to develop and integrate the resources of the region.

New section.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 43.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Power advisory committee. Members—Appointment—Duties—Compensation.

There shall be a power advisory committee consisting of five members appointed by the governor to serve at his pleasure. Such members shall be representative of the power industry from different geographical areas of the state. They shall consult with and advise the director of conservation and development on matters pertaining to the division of power resources. They shall receive the same com-

penetration for services and expenses as provided for members of the Columbia Basin commission.

SEC. 5. For the purpose of administering this act there is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of sixty thousand dollars. Appropriation.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1957.

Passed the House March 12, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 285.

[S. B. 314.]

INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAXES.

AN ACT relating to inheritance taxes and gift taxes, and amending section 2, chapter 184, Laws of 1945 and RCW 83.40.050; section 10, chapter 202, Laws of 1939 and RCW 83.16.010; section 7, chapter 119, Laws of 1941 and RCW 83.56.090; section 9, chapter 119, Laws of 1941 and RCW 83.56.110.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 184, Laws of 1945 and RCW 83.40.050 are each amended to read as follows:

In all estates the amount of the federal estate tax, as paid by the estate, shall be deducted as a claim or indebtedness first against the residuary estate for inheritance tax purposes regardless of any provision in the will to the contrary: *Provided*, That where there is property belonging to decedent both within and without the state of Washington the amount of federal estate tax deductible shall be the proportionate part thereof that the value of the Vetoed.