CHAPTER 68.
[Engrossed House Bill No. 61.]

STATE AERONAUTICS COMMISSION.


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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 165, Laws of 1947 and RCW 14.04.030 are each amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created the “Washington state aeronautics commission,” to consist of one member from each congressional district, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and who shall continue in office, as designated by the governor at the time of appointment, through the last day of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh calendar years, respectively, following the passage of this chapter: Provided, That from and after July 1, 1967, in order that there may be one commissioner from each congressional district, an additional commissioner shall be appointed by the governor for a term commencing August 1, 1967, and expiring December 31, 1972, and the governor shall appoint one additional commissioner within thirty days following the creation of each additional congressional district for a term ending on the December 31st of the fifth year following such appointment. The successors of the members initially appointed shall be appointed for terms of five years except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of any term shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his successor. No
more than a simple majority of the members shall be appointed from the same political party. All members of the commission shall be citizens and bona fide residents of the state. No more than three members shall have any direct or indirect financial or pecuniary interest in civil aviation. No member shall receive any salary for his services, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties and shall be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars per diem for each day actually spent in attending to his duties as a member of the commission, but no member shall receive more than five hundred dollars in any one year as per diem. The members of the commission may be removed by the governor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, in the manner provided by law for the removal of other public officials for like cause.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 165, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 1, chapter 289, Laws of 1961, and RCW 14.04.040 are each amended to read as follows:

A director of aeronautics shall be appointed by the commission and shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. He shall be appointed with due regard to his fitness, by aeronautical education and by knowledge of and recent practical experience in aeronautics, for the efficient dispatch of the powers and duties duly invested in and imposed upon him. He shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office and perform such services as the commission shall authorize and direct, and not be actively engaged or employed in any other business, vocation, or employment, nor shall he have any pecuniary interest in or any stock in or bonds of any civil aeronautics enterprise. He shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling
and other expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties.

He shall be the executive officer of the commission and under its supervision shall administer the provisions of this chapter and the rules, regulations and orders established thereunder and all other laws of the state relative to aeronautics. He shall attend, but not vote at, all meetings of the commission. He shall be in charge of the offices of the commission and responsible to the commission for the preparation of reports and the collection and dissemination of data and other public information relating to aeronautics. At the direction of the commission, he shall, together with the chairman of the commission, execute all contracts entered into by the commission.

The director shall appoint, in accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW subject to the approval of the commission such experts, field and office assistants, clerks, and other employees as may be required and authorized for the proper discharge of the functions of the commission and for whose services funds have been appropriated.

The commission may, by written order filed in its office, delegate to the director any of the powers or duties vested in or imposed upon it by this chapter. Such delegated powers and duties may be exercised by the director in the name of the commission.

Sec. 3. This 1967 amendatory act shall not affect the appointments or terms of the present members of the aeronautics commission.

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