CHAPTER 19.
[Senate Bill No. 363.]

HISTORIC SITES AND PROPERTIES—ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

AN ACT relating to historic sites and properties; providing a program in relation thereto; creating an advisory council on historic preservation; prescribing powers, duties and functions; abolishing the historic sites and markers commission; and repealing sections 1 and 2, chapter 95, Laws of 1949, sections 1 through 5, chapter 95, Laws of 1961 and RCW 27.52.010 through 27.52.060.

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

Section 1. As used in the act:

(1) The term “public agencies” includes all political subdivisions of the state of Washington.

(2) The term “project” means programs of state and local governments and other public bodies and private organizations and individuals for the acquisition of title or interests in, and for the development of any district, site, building, structure, or object that is significant in American and the state of Washington history, architecture, archeology, and culture, or property used in connection therewith, and for its development in order to assure the preservation for public benefit of any such historical properties.

(3) The term “historic preservation” includes the protection, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American and Washington history, architecture, archeology, or culture.

(4) The term “director” means the director of the Washington state parks and recreation commission.

Sec. 2. The director of the Washington state parks and recreation commission is hereby authorized and empowered to take whatever action is nec-
necessary to enable the state to participate in the pro-
gress set forth in the federal act entitled "An Act
to establish a program for the preservation of addi-
tional historic properties throughout the nation, and
for other purposes" (Public Law 89-665; 80 Stat.
915). The director is also authorized and empowered
to accept and disburse federal grants or federal
matching or other funds or donations from any
source when made, granted or donated for a purpose
covered by said federal act.

Sec. 3. In addition to other powers and duties,
the director of the Washington state parks and rec-
creation commission is authorized—

(1) to promulgate and maintain a state register
of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects
significant in American or Washington state history,
architecture, archeology, and culture, hereinafter re-
ferred to as the state register, and to expend funds
for the purpose of preparing comprehensive state-
wide historic surveys and plans, in accordance with
criteria established by the advisory council es-
tablished pursuant to section 5 of this act, which
shall comply with any standards and regulations
promulgated by the secretary of interior for the
preservation, acquisition, and development of such
properties.

(2) To establish in accordance with criteria es-
tablished by the secretary of the interior, a program
of matching grants-in-aid to public agencies for
projects having as their purpose the preservation for
public benefit of properties that are significant in
American or Washington history, architecture, ar-
cheology, and culture; and

(3) To accept grants from any and all public
and/or private sources including, though not limited
to, those provided pursuant to Public Law 89-665, 80
Stat. 915.

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Sec. 4. The amounts made available for grants to the public agencies for projects under this act for each fiscal year shall be apportioned among the public agencies by the director in accordance with needs as disclosed in approved state-wide historic preservation plans.

Sec. 5. (1) There is hereby established an advisory council on historic preservation (herein referred to as the "council") which shall be composed of eleven members as follows:

(a) The director of the Washington state parks and recreation commission;

(b) The director of the department of general administration;

(c) The director of the Washington state historical society;

(d) The director of the Eastern Washington state historical society;

(e) The director of the state capitol historical society; and

(f) Six persons to be appointed by the governor who are not officers or employees of the state government.

In making his appointments the governor shall give due consideration to the selection of officers of local governments and individuals who are significantly interested and experienced in the matters to be considered by the council.

(2) Each member of the council specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (1) may designate another officer of his department or agency to serve on the council in his stead.

(3) Each member of the council appointed under paragraph (f) of subsection (1) shall serve for a term of five years from the expiration of his predecessor's term; except that the members first appointed under that paragraph shall serve for
terms of from one to five years as designated by the governor at the time of appointment.

(4) A vacancy in the council shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

(5) The chairman of the council shall be designated by the governor.

(6) Six members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 6. (1) The council shall—

(a) Advise the governor and the Washington state parks and recreation commission on matters relating to historic preservation; recommend measures to coordinate activities of state, and local agencies and private institutions and individuals relating to historic preservation; and advise on the dissemination of information pertaining to such activities;

(b) Encourage public interest and participation in historic preservation;

(c) Advise as to guidelines for the assistance of local governments in drafting ordinances relating to historic preservation; and

(d) Encourage, in cooperation with appropriate public and private agencies and institutions, training and education in the field of historic preservation.

(2) The council shall submit annually a comprehensive report of its activities and the results of its studies to the governor and the Washington state parks and recreation commission and shall from time to time submit such additional and special reports as it deems advisable. Each report shall propose such legislative enactments and other actions as, in the judgment of the council, are necessary and appropriate to carry out its recommendations.

Sec. 7. The members of the council specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of section 5 (1) shall serve without additional compensation. The mem-
bers of the council appointed under paragraph (f) of section 5 (1) shall receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and subsistence expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties of the council as provided for state officials and employees generally in chapter 43.03 RCW.

Sec. 8. The director of the Washington state parks and recreation commission or his designee shall be the executive director of the council. Financial and administrative services (including those related to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel and procurement) shall be provided the council by the Washington state parks and recreation commission, for which payments shall be made in advance, or by reimbursement, from funds of the council in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the chairman of the council and the director of the Washington state parks and recreation commission.

Sec. 9. Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall be codified in chapter 43.51 RCW under a chapter subdivision entitled “Preservation of historic properties”.

Sec. 10. The historic sites and markers commission is hereby abolished.

Sec. 11. Sections 1 and 2, chapter 95, Laws of 1949, sections 1 through 5, chapter 95, Laws of 1961, and RCW 27.52.010 through 27.52.060 are each hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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