

CHAPTER 260.

[S. B. 244.]

COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION PROJECT.

AN ACT relating to the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, defining the powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto, making appropriations, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the director of conservation and development during the year 1927, and with all convenient speed, for the purpose of furnishing the United States department of reclamation, the war department of the United States, the members of the Columbia Basin Allocation Commission, for the purposes of reaching an agreement between the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington in the allocation of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, to cause the investigations and reports hereinafter provided for, to be made.

Director of conservation to investigate Columbia Basin project.

SEC. 2. For investigations and reports upon possible power developments, their uses and control in connection with the Columbia Basin irrigation project, together with the control and regulation of stream flow as it affects navigation and irrigation in the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington; and for the purpose of making surveys and estimates of damages to lands bordering on Clark's Fork of the Columbia River, Priest Lake, the Pend Oreille River and Lake Pend Oreille, in the state of Idaho, by the construction of a dam at Albany Falls in the state of Idaho, and the storing of waters at different elevations in Lake Pend Oreille and Priest Lake in the state of Idaho, and the working out of tentative plans for the protection of property bor-

Program of investigations and reports directed.

dering said stream and lakes in case of a change in the elevation of waters of said lakes by creating storage reservoirs for the Columbia Basin irrigation project, there is hereby re-appropriated from the reclamation revolving fund in the state treasury for the biennium ending March 31, 1929, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Reappropriation from reclamation revolving fund.

Vetoed.

For the purpose of making investigations, outlining a plan and starting the formation of an irrigation district for the Columbia Basin irrigation project there is hereby appropriated from the reclamation revolving fund in the state treasury for the biennium ending March 31, 1929, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Vetoed.

For the purpose of investigation of the seven reservoir and dam sites in the State of Washington which were suggested in the report of the Columbia Basin board of engineers, and such other sites as have come to the attention of the director of conservation and development, including drilling operations, to be used in connection with the Columbia Basin irrigation project, there is hereby appropriated from the reclamation revolving fund in the state treasury for the biennium ending March 31, 1929, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Emergency.

SEC. 3. 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.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1927.

Passed the House March 8, 1927.

Vetoed.

Approved by the Governor, with the exception of the two items, which are vetoed, March 21, 1927.