

CHAPTER 6.

[S. B. 48.]

RELATING TO CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

AN Act relating to civilian defense, authorizing counties to engage therein; to appropriate and expend county current expense funds therefor subject to certain limitations; to accept federal, state, and private funds therefor, and providing for the disbursement thereof; to enter into agreements with cities, towns, other counties, and the State of Washington relating thereto and to perform acts and services thereunder; and declaring an emergency.

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

Counties may engage in.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for counties to engage in civilian defense.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. County Commissioners are hereby authorized to appropriate out of the current expense fund, and to expend out of any such monies now or hereafter appropriated, such sums as may by them be deemed necessary to the coordination of civilian defense activities within their county. Any funds so appropriated and expended shall be disbursed in the manner provided by law for the expenditure of other current expense monies and shall be subject to all constitutional and statutory limitations heretofore imposed upon counties in the levying of taxes and the disbursement of the proceeds thereof and in the creation of county indebtedness: *Provided,* That any appropriation from current expense funds for this purpose made by the County Commissioners in 1942 for expenditure in the calendar year 1943 in accordance with their regular budget procedure shall be deemed legal appropriations within the meaning of this act and funds may be lawfully expended therefrom for the purposes herein defined.

Disbursement.

Budget validated.

Authorized to accept funds.

SEC. 3. County Commissioners are hereby authorized to accept from the federal government, the State of Washington, or from private individuals

any sums appropriated or contributed for the coordination of civilian defense activities and to expend such monies for such purposes. All monies accepted under the authority granted in this section shall be placed in the county current expense fund, appropriated therefrom and expended in the manner provided for other current expense fund disbursements.

SEC. 4. County Commissioners shall have the power to enter into agreements jointly with incorporated cities and towns within their counties, with the boards of County Commissioners of adjacent counties, with the State of Washington, or with all of them, relating to the coordination of civilian defense activities and to perform the acts and services necessary to the execution of such agreements: *Provided*, That no monies shall be expended by any board of County Commissioners except in the manner herein provided nor may the authority to commit such funds be delegated.

May make joint agreements.

Limitation of expenditures.

SEC. 5. For the purposes of this act "Civilian Defense" shall mean any organized effort designed by the State Civilian Defense Council, the local Civilian Defense Council, or other public agency, for the protection of public health and safety and the preservation of property, the basic personnel of which is composed of volunteers who are compensated neither in whole nor in part for their services. "The Coordination of Civilian Defense Activities" may extend to the construction and maintenance of observation posts and other similar structures not otherwise available, to transportation of volunteer civilian defense workers to their posts of duty when such transportation would work an unjust or undue hardship upon such workers were it not so provided, to the maintenance of adequate communications facilities where such are vital to public safety and are not otherwise available, and to other similar

Civilian Defense defined.

Coordination of Civilian Defense defined.

Compensation limited.

assistance in the coordination of volunteer effort but may not extend to the compensation of personnel except within the office of county civilian defense coordinator as defined by the State Civilian Defense Council.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, peace and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 22, 1943.

Passed the House January 27, 1943.

Approved by the Governor February 1, 1943.

CHAPTER 7.

[S. B. 24.]

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE PENITENTIARY, EASTERN STATE CUSTODIAL SCHOOL AND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

AN ACT making deficiency appropriations for the payment of salaries and wages and operations of the State Penitentiary, Eastern State Custodial School and State School for the Blind and declaring an emergency.

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

Definitions.

SECTION 1. The words "salaries and wages" whenever used in this act shall mean and include salaries and wages of executive officers and employees and all compensation for direct labor or personal service rendered.

The word "operations" whenever used in this act shall mean and include necessary traveling expenses of officers and employees and all expenses necessary for supplies, material, services and maintenance, other than salaries and wages.

Deficiency appropriation.

SEC. 2. By reason of a deficiency existing in the appropriations made by the Twenty-Seventh Regu-