

ity and manufacture of milk and milk products notwithstanding other and different standards heretofore maintained by virtue of any administrative regulation or statutory requirement of the State of Washington.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the peace, health and welfare of the state and its institutions and in furtherance of its contribution to the war effort and shall take effect immediately, but shall expire not later than April 1, 1945, unless re-enacted.

Effective
Immediately.

Expires
April 1, 1945.

Passed the House February 12, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1943.

CHAPTER 57.

[H. B. 191.]

CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND REPAIR OF IRRIGATION DITCHES.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts, to the maintenance, operation, repair, construction and reconstruction of ditches, laterals, pipe lines and other water conduits which are used or will be used to carry water for irrigation purposes to irrigate lands located within the boundaries of a city or town, providing for the payment of the cost thereof by the city or town, and providing for the withholding of the delivery of water until the charges are paid, amending section 7417-2 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, as amended by section 1, chapter 31, Laws of 1933, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7417-2, Remington's Compiled Statutes as amended by section 1, chapter 31, Laws of 1933, be amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 7417-2. Any irrigation district, operating and maintaining an irrigation system, in addition to other powers conferred by law, shall have authority:

Irrigation
district
authority.

Operate
electric
utility.

1. To purchase, and sell electric power to the inhabitants of the irrigation district for the purposes of irrigation and domestic use, to acquire, construct and lease dams, canals, plants, transmission lines, and other power equipment and the necessary property and rights therefor and to operate, improve, repair and maintain the same, for the generation and transmission of electrical energy, used in the operation of pumping plants and irrigation systems of the district, and to sell the surplus of any such electrical energy over and above the requirements of the irrigation districts to municipalities, public and private corporations and individuals, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors shall determine: *Provided*, That no contract entered into by such board for the sale of electrical energy to continue for a period longer than ten years shall be binding on the district until ratified by a majority vote of the electors of the district at an election therein, called, held and canvassed for that purpose in the same manner as that provided by law for district bond elections.

May sell
surplus
power.

Contract
limitation.

Operate
domestic
water
system.

2. To construct, repair, purchase, maintain or lease a system for the sale or lease of water to the owners of irrigated lands within the district for domestic purposes.

Operate
drainage
system.

3. To construct, repair, operate and maintain a system of drains, as herein provided.

Assume
indebtedness.

4. To assume, as principal or guarantor, any indebtedness to the United States under the federal reclamation laws, on account of district lands.

Furnish
irrigation
water in
cities.

5. To maintain, repair, construct and reconstruct ditches, laterals, pipe lines and other water conduits used or to be used in carrying water for irrigation of lands located within the boundaries of a city or town where the owners of land within such city or town shall use such irrigation works to carry water to the boundaries of such city or town for

irrigation or other purposes within such city or town, and to charge to such city or town the pro rata proportion of the cost of such maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction work in proportion to the benefits received by the lands served and located within the boundaries of such city or town, and if such cost is not paid, then and in that event said irrigation district shall have the right to prevent further water deliveries through such irrigation works to the lands located within the boundaries of such city or town until such charges have been paid.

Pro rate cost.

Cease service for non-payment.

6. To acquire, install and maintain as a part of the irrigation district's water system the necessary water mains and fire hydrants to make water available for fire fighting purposes; and in addition any such irrigation district shall have the authority to repair, operate and maintain such hydrants and mains.

Maintain fire fighting facilities.

This section shall not be construed as in any manner abridging any other powers of an irrigation district conferred by law.

Other powers not abridged.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Effective immediately.

Passed the House February 26, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 25, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1943.