

ing as may be ordered by the eighteenth legislature, or either branch thereof.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the support Emergency. of state government and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 8, 1923.

Passed the House January 8, 1923.

Approved by the Governor January 8, 1923.

CHAPTER 4.

[S. B. 6]

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

AN ACT providing for the conservation and development of agricultural resources of the state, authorizing the director of conservation and development to furnish seed grain to indigent farmers in the drought devastated areas of the state, making an appropriation and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. The director of conservation and development is authorized, in his discretion, to enter into contracts and arrangements with dealers in seed grains to furnish and deliver at convenient points in the drought devastated areas of the state, to be designated in such contracts, such quantities of seed grain as may be necessary for the sowing and planting of summer fallowed lands in the year 1923.

Contracts for seed grain.

SEC. 2. The director of conservation and development is authorized to make such investigation as he may deem necessary to determine the needs of indigent farmers in such drought devastated areas and, in his discretion, to receive from such farmers applications for not to exceed three hundred and twenty bushels of seed grain and agreements to pay

Investigation of needs of farmers.

therefor out of the proceeds of the crop raised therefrom the cost of such grain together with six per cent. interest thereon from the date of said agreement.

SEC. 3. Upon entering into any such agreement the director shall furnish to the farmer a requisition upon the most convenient grain dealer with whom a contract to furnish seed grain has been made, to furnish to such farmer the number of bushels of seed grain specified in the agreement, and the dealer furnishing such grain shall take from the farmer a receipt therefor, in triplicate, the original and duplicate of which shall be forwarded to the director of conservation and development, and such original, when duly countersigned by the director, shall constitute a voucher upon which the state auditor shall be authorized to issue a warrant on the state treasurer payable out of the funds appropriated by this act and in favor of the grain dealer mentioned therein for the contract price of the grain furnished. The duplicate receipt together with the application and agreement entered into between the director and farmer shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of the county in which the land described in such agreement is situated and shall constitute notice of a first lien in favor of the state on the crop raised on the land described in the agreement for the cost of the grain furnished and interest, which lien may be collected, enforced and foreclosed or satisfied and cancelled by the director of conservation and development, in the manner provided by law, as near as may be, for the enforcement, foreclosure, satisfaction and cancellation of chattel mortgages. All moneys collected by the director of conservation and development for seed furnished and interest shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the state reclamation revolving fund.

Requisition
for seed
grain.

Warrants
for payment
for seed
grain.

Lien.

Reclamation
revolving
fund.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the county auditor of any county in which such notice of lien is filed, to file, index, satisfy and cancel such lien without the usual fees therefor, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff and all other officers of such county to perform the duties required of them in the foreclosure of any such lien without collecting and receiving the usual fees therefor.

County auditor to file and index lien.

SEC. 5. The director of conservation and development shall be authorized, with the approval of the attorney general, to employ attorneys to foreclose any lien provided for in this act and the expenses of such foreclosure shall be paid out of the funds appropriated by this act.

Employment of counsel to foreclose lien.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the administrative expenses of the department of conservation and development therein and expenses of foreclosure of liens, there is hereby appropriated out of the reclamation revolving fund the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Appropriation, \$250,000.00.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed by the Senate January 18, 1923.

Passed by the House January 24, 1923.

Approved by the Governor January 26, 1923.