

## CHAPTER 8.

[S. B. 57.]

## COLUMBIA RIVER JOINT COMMISSION.

AN ACT authorizing the Governor of Washington to appoint a representative of the State of Washington to serve upon a joint commission composed of representatives of the State of Montana, Idaho and Oregon and the United States of America, and constituted for the purpose of negotiating and entering into an agreement between the several states hereinabove mentioned and between said states and the United States of America, subject to the consent of Congress, respecting further use and disposition of the waters of the Columbia River and streams tributary thereto, and fixing and determining the rights of each of said states and rights of the United States in and to the use, benefit and disposition of the waters of said stream and its tributaries.

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

SECTION 1. The Governor shall appoint a representative who shall serve without additional compensation as the representative of the State of Washington on a joint commission composed of one representative from each of the States of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon and two duly authorized representatives of the United States of America, the principal duty of which commission shall be to negotiate and enter into an agreement between the several states hereinabove mentioned and between the said states and the United States of America, subject to the consent of Congress, respecting the further use and disposition of the waters of the Columbia River and streams tributary thereto, and fixing and determining the rights of each of said states and the rights of the United States in and to the use, benefit and disposition of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries: *Provided, however,* that any agreement so entered into by said states and the United States of America shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the

Appointment.

Purpose.

Agreement  
not binding  
until ratified  
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high contracting parties thereto unless and until such agreement shall have been ratified and approved by the legislature of each of the above mentioned states and by the congress of the United States.

Notification  
of appoint-  
ment to  
governors of  
other states.

SEC. 2. The Governor of Washington, immediately after such representative of the State of Washington has been appointed and has qualified, shall notify the governor of each of the above mentioned states of the appointment of the said representative of this state, giving his name and address, but said representative shall not enter upon the performance of his duties until a representative to serve upon said joint commission shall have been named and qualified for each of the states named in section one hereof.

Authority of  
representa-  
tive.

SEC. 3. Said representative from the State of Washington shall have full authority to make any and all investigations of the Columbia River and the drainage area thereof, which may become necessary in order to sufficiently advise said representative of the physical conditions obtaining upon said streams, and of the present and future need of the State of Washington and its citizens to the use and benefit of the waters of said stream. To that end, said representative shall have power to administer oaths, examine and require the attendance of witnesses, and to perform such other duties as may be necessary to sufficiently apprise said representative of the facts and furnish him with adequate information in order that he may properly perform his duties as representative of the State of Washington upon said joint commission.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1925.

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Approved by the Governor February 16, 1925.