

ington toll bridge authority to be sold by the authority for the purposes outlined herein: *Provided*, That in no event shall bonds be issued in excess of the limitations in chapter 36.67 RCW. Limitation.

SEC. 2. That this act is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of this state and the support of the state government of the state of Washington and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1955.

Passed the House March 2, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1955.

CHAPTER 195.

[Sub. S. B. 187.]

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED— POWERS AND DUTIES.

AN ACT relating to state government; establishing the department of institutions; defining the powers and duties thereof; amending section 14, chapter 119, Laws of 1901 and RCW 43.19.140; repealing section 11, chapter 176, Laws of 1935 and RCW 43.19.010, and section 15, chapter 176, Laws of 1935 and RCW 43.19.130.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The department of institutions as an agency of the government of the state of Washington is hereby established. Department established.

(b) The office of director of institutions is hereby established. Director established.

(c) The director of institutions shall have had at least five years' institutional experience of a demonstrably successful type in an executive or supervisory capacity in at least one type of large institution set forth in section 4 of this act. Qualifications.

(d) The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint the director of institutions who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the department of institutions. The director shall hold office at the pleasure of the governor who shall fix his salary. If a vacancy occurs while the senate is not in session, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate when he shall present to that body his nomination for the office. The director shall take the oath of office before any person authorized to administer oaths and file a copy thereof in the office of the secretary of state before starting upon his duties, and he likewise shall execute and deliver to the secretary of state a bond to the state in the sum of five thousand dollars to be approved by the governor conditioned on his faithful performance of all duties required of him by law, the cost of such bond to be paid by the state.

Appointment.

Term.

Vacancy.

Oath.

Bond.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. Section 15, chapter 176, Laws of 1935 and RCW 43.19.130 are each repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 3. Section 1, chapter 107, Laws of 1915; section 2, chapter 50, Laws of 1919; sections 36, 39, 40 and 44, chapter 7, Laws of 1921; section 14, chapter 119, Laws of 1901 and RCW 43.19.140 and 43.19.250 are each repealed.

SEC. 4. The director of institutions shall:

Powers and duties of director.

(1) Have full power to manage and govern the following public institutions:

The western state hospital, the eastern state hospital, the northern state hospital, the state penitentiary, the state reformatory, the state training school, the state school for girls, the state soldiers' home and colony, the Washington veterans' home, Lakeland Village, the Rainier state school, the state school for the deaf, the state school for the blind, the McKay

memorial research hospital, and the state narcotic farm colony, subject only to the limitations contained in laws relating to the management of such institutions;

(2) Have authority to appoint assistants and subordinate employees, and fix their compensation, to aid him in performing the functions and duties of his office and from time to time to designate and deputize one of such employees as chief assistant director. The chief assistant director shall have charge and general supervision of the department of institutions in the absence or disability of the director and in case of a vacancy in the office of director shall continue in charge of the department of institutions until a director is appointed and qualified or until the governor appoints an acting director. Appointive.

(3) Prepare topographic and architectural plans for the state institutions under his control; Plans.

(4) Establish a systematic building program providing for the grouping of buildings at the institutions; Building program.

(5) Prepare plans, specifications, and estimates of cost for all necessary repairs or betterments to buildings at the institutions, to accompany the estimates for the biennial budget; Costs.

(6) Supervise the erection, repair, and betterment of all such buildings;

(7) Make a survey, investigation, and classification of the lands connected with the state institutions under his control, and determine which thereof are of such character as to be most profitably used for agricultural, horticultural, dairying, and stock raising purposes, taking into consideration the costs of making them ready for cultivation, the character of the soil, its depth and fertility, the number of kinds of crops to which it is adapted, the local cli- Lands.

matic conditions, the local annual rainfall, the water supply upon the land or available, the needs of all state institutions for the food products that can be grown or produced, and the amount and character of the available labor of inmates at the several institutions;

Farming.

(8) Establish and carry on suitable farming operations at the several institutions under his control;

Food products.

(9) Supply the several institutions with the necessary food products produced thereat;

(10) Exchange with, or furnish to, other institutions, food products at the cost of production;

(11) Sell and dispose of surplus food products produced;

Industries.

(12) Establish, install and operate, at the several state institutions under his control, such industries and industrial plants as may be most suitable and beneficial to the inmates thereof, and as can be operated at the least relative cost and the greatest relative benefit to the state, taking into consideration the needs of the state institutions for industrial products, and the amount and character of labor of inmates available at the several institutions;

Industrial products.

(13) Supply the several institutions with the necessary industrial products produced thereat;

(14) Exchange with, or furnish to, other state institutions industrial products at prices to be fixed by the department, not to exceed in any case the price of such products in the open market;

Surplus products.

(15) Sell and dispose of surplus industrial products produced, to such persons and under such rules, regulations, terms, and prices as may be in his judgment for the best interest of the state;

Plate mill products.

(16) Sell products of the plate mill to any department, to any state, county, or other public institution and to any governmental agency, of this or any other state under such rules, regulations, terms, and prices

as may be in his judgment for the best interests of the state;

(17) Comply with all requirements of the director of health in relation to health and sanitation at the institutions under his control; Health and sanitation.

(18) Have the powers and duties of the director of public institutions contained in RCW 43.19.150 through 43.19.170 relating to state dietition and accounting; those contained in RCW 43.19.260 through 43.19.420 relating to the division of children and youth services and those contained in RCW 43.19.430 through 43.19.440 relating to the state council for children and youth; those contained in chapters 71.02, 71.04 and 71.06 RCW relating to mentally ill; and those contained in chapters 72.04 through 72.40 RCW relating to state institutions. Powers and duties transferred to director.

SEC. 5. The director of institutions shall examine into the conditions and needs of the several state institutions under his control and on or before the first day of December of the year preceding the session of the legislature report in writing to the governor the condition of each institution and what amount of money he deems advisable to appropriate for its maintenance and betterment, having reference to the probable growth of the institution, its general welfare and the purpose of its creation. Examination.

Report.

Appropriation.

On or before the first Tuesday after the convening of each regular session of the legislature the director shall make to the governor and legislature a full report of the activities of his department, incorporating therein suggestions respecting legislation for the benefit of the several institutions under his control and in the interest of improved administration generally. Such report shall contain the reports made to the director by the executive officer of each institution or so much thereof as in his opinion may be proper. There shall be published in the report a complete list of the officers and employees of the Report.

Legislation.

Salaries. department and the several institutions and the annual salary paid to each.

Repeal. SEC. 6. Section 11, chapter 176, Laws of 1935 and section 4, RCW 43.19.010 are each repealed.

This section amended by sec. 4, chap. 285, Laws of 1955.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1955.

Passed the House March 7, 1955.

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CHAPTER 196.

[S. B. 394.]

TAXATION—PROPERTY SUBJECT—EXEMPTIONS.

AN ACT relating to tax exemptions; and amending section 8, chapter 206, Laws of 1939, section 1, chapter 109, Laws of 1945 and RCW 84.40.010 and 84.36.010 through 84.36.060.

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

Amendment. SECTION 1. Section 8, chapter 206, Laws of 1939 and section 1, chapter 109, Laws of 1945 (heretofore divided, combined and codified as RCW 84.40.010 and 84.36.010 through 84.36.060) are amended to read as set forth in sections 2 through 8 of this act.

Enacted without amendment. SEC. 2. (RCW 84.40.010) All property now existing, or that is hereafter created or brought into this state, shall be subject to assessment and taxation for state, county, and other taxing district purposes, upon equalized valuations thereof, fixed with reference thereto on the first day of January at twelve o'clock meridian in each year, excepting such as is exempted from taxation by law.

Enacted without amendment. Exemption. SEC. 3. (RCW 84.36.010) All property belonging exclusively to the United States, the state, any county or municipal corporation shall be exempt from taxation.

Enacted without amendment. SEC. 4. (RCW 84.36.020) The following property shall be exempt from taxation: