

ject agreements executed by state and federal authority.

Emergency. SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 90.

[S. B. 227.]

LAND SETTLEMENT.

AN ACT relating to the upbuilding of the agricultural resources of the state, establishing and defining a state policy for land settlement, amending section 4, chapter 188, Laws of 1919, adding a new section to said chapter 188, to be known as section 11, and providing penalties for violations thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4 of chapter 188, Laws of 1919 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The board shall have power:

Powers of
reclamation
board.

To investigate and select for settlement suitable areas of undeveloped lands in this state available for settlement:

To purchase and acquire on behalf of the state such privately owned lands as in its judgment are available for settlement, whenever the same shall be within the limits of an approved project and after full investigation and official approval thereof;

To subdivide any lands owned by the state and found available for settlement, including lands purchased or acquired for that purpose, into tracts suitable for farms and farm laborer's allotments;

To make on any such farms and farm laborer's allotments such improvements as may be necessary to render the same habitable and productive;

To accept from private owners deeds or other instruments of trust relating to land and to subdivide, improve, and sell such lands;

To lease to prospective settlers any land selected by the board of settlement;

To dedicate to public use appropriate tracts for roads, school houses or other public purposes;

To purchase and acquire under state laws any state, school or granted lands of the state which the board shall determine are available for settlement under the provisions of this act, whenever the same shall be within the limits of an approved project and after full investigation and official approval thereof:

To purchase and acquire lands in co-operation with the United States under such conditions as may be deemed advisable for the purposes of this act, and to convey the same under such conditions and restrictions as may be approved by the secretary of the interior;

To arrange with the federal government for sharing in the expense of furnishing agricultural training for settlers so as to render them better qualified for the cultivation of their lands, under appropriate conditions of supervision by the federal government;

To sell and convey such improved farms and farm laborer's allotments subject to the limitations of this act;

To make such rules and regulations and perform any and all acts as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

If it shall appear that federal aid and co-operation shall not be available, or the board shall determine to adopt and proceed with any land settlement project without federal aid and co-operation, then and in such event the board may acquire lands for

such land settlement project and conduct their settlement with moneys from the state reclamation fund appropriated for land settlement purposes.

The board shall have power and it shall be its duty, upon request of any land settlement or colonization company operating in the state of Washington, to make, or cause to be made, a careful examination and, providing investigation warrants, to certify to the following conditions in reference to said company and its project:

(1) That the land is suitable to agricultural purposes and in passing upon this feature it shall first procure a report from the Washington State College and make such further investigations as the board deems advisable;

(2) That its location in reference to markets, public roads, and transportation facilities makes it suitable for colonization purposes;

(3) That the proposed plan of settlement and colonization is in the interest of the settlers and especially in reference to the following points:

(a) The price at which the land is proposed to be sold;

(b) The aid to be rendered the settlers in improving the same;

(c) The rate of interest to be charged and the length of time within which payments are to be made.

(4) That provision is made for deferred payments on the amortization plan maturing in not less than twenty years;

The expense incurred in making such examination and certification shall be paid by the applicant therefor.

Before any such certificate is issued such settlement and colonization company shall fully satisfy the board that it is able to and will faithfully carry

out its plan of settlement and colonization and all contracts entered into with settlers.

Whenever any such certificate shall be issued it shall be lawful for such settlement and colonization company to advertise the fact that its plan of settlement and colonization has been approved by the State of Washington.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to claim, represent, advertise, or hold out in any manner that the board has issued to him or it any such certificate mentioned in section 1 of this act, unless such certificate has actually been so issued and unless such person, firm or corporation shall have fully complied with, and is complying with; such certificate and the terms and conditions therein prescribed and the rules and regulations of said board.

SEC. 2. That there be added to chapter 188, Laws of 1919, a new section to be known as section 11, to read as follows:

Section 11. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Penalty for
violations.

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