

interest thereon and amortization thereof by annual levies in excess of the tax limitation provided for herein.

SEC. 2. This act shall be referred and submitted to the people for their approval and ratification or rejection at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1942, by the officers and in the manner provided by section 5416 of Remington's Revised Statutes. Act to be referred.

Passed the House March 12, 1941.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.

CHAPTER 177.

[H. B. 596.]

NATIONAL AND STATE DEFENSE.

AN ACT relating to national and state defense; providing for the establishment of a State Council of Defense and of local councils of defense; prescribing the powers and duties thereof; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This act may be cited as the "Washington State Defense Council Act." Title.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL. There is hereby created the Washington State Defense Council, hereinafter designated the State Council, for the general purpose of assisting in the coordination of the statewide and local activities related to national and state defense. Whenever he deems it expedient, the Governor may, by proclamation, dissolve or suspend the State Council or re-establish it after any such dissolution or suspension. State defense council created.

SEC. 3. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL. (a) The Proclamation by Governor.

Personnel. State Council shall consist of eighteen members appointed by the Governor and holding office during his pleasure. The Governor shall designate one of the members of the State Council as its chairman.

Appointment by Governor.

Employees. (b) The State Council may employ an executive secretary and such technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Members to receive no compensation.

(c) The members of the State Council shall serve without compensation; provided, they may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in connection with attendance upon meetings of the Council.

Expenses paid.

State to provide offices.

(d) The State Council shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as other state agencies are supplied.

Powers and duties of council.

SEC. 4. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Council shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To cooperate with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense or with any similar federal agency hereinafter created, and with any departments or other federal agencies engaged in defense activities.

(b) To cooperate with similar councils of defense in other states.

(c) To cooperate with Local Defense Councils.

(d) To supervise and direct investigations, and report to the Governor with recommendations for legislation or other appropriate action as it may deem necessary.

(e) To create committees, either within or without its membership, to aid in the discharge of its powers and duties.

(f) To adopt, amend and repeal rules, regulations and by-laws governing its procedure and activities.

(g) To do all acts and things, not inconsistent with law in furtherance of its defense activities.

SEC. 5. LOCAL COUNCILS OF DEFENSE. The Governor may create and establish from time to time such Local Councils of Defense as he may deem necessary. He shall appoint the members and designate the chairmen thereof. Local Councils of Defense, if and when established, shall cooperate with and assist the State Council, and shall perform such services as may be requested by the Governor or State Council. Such local councils shall terminate or cease activity whenever the Governor may so direct.

Local
councils.

Governor to
appoint.

SEC. 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out this act.

Appropriation.

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

Effective
immediately.

Passed the House March 4, 1941.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.