

Bond.

District may
do work.

such contract be let, then and in such case all checks shall be returned to the bidders, except that of the successful bidder, which shall be retained until a contract shall be entered into for the purchase of such materials or doing such work, and a bond to perform such work furnished with sureties satisfactory to the Board of Water Commissioners in the full amount of the contract price between the bidder and the Commission in accordance with the bid. If said bidder fails to enter into said contract in accordance with said bid and furnish such bond within ten days from the date at which he is notified that he is the successful bidder, the said check and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the water district: *Provided further*, That if in the judgment of the Water Commissioners such work can be performed at less cost under the district's own superintendence than by letting a contract, then the district may cause such work to be performed independent of contract and without calling for bids where the estimated cost of such work is in a sum less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.

Passed the House March 9, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 217.

[S. B. 100.]

APPROPRIATION—EDUCATION.

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the support of the common schools; establishing a minimum salary for teachers; and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be apportioned among the several counties for the school districts thereof two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) annually for each edu-

cational unit maintained by each school district during the preceding school year. The number of educational units accredited to each school district shall be computed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction from the annual reports of the several county superintendents in accordance with the provisions of section 5, chapter 141, Laws of 1945: *Provided*, That the number of educational units accredited to a school district for apportionment purposes shall not exceed the number required to serve the pupils of such school district in accordance with pupil-teacher ratio standards established by the State Board of Education. Apportionment for the school year 1947-1948 shall be made in October, 1947, and apportionment for the school year 1948-1949 shall be made in October, 1948, in the same manner as the current state school funds are apportioned to the several counties for the school districts thereof.

Annual apportionment.

SEC. 2. Funds apportioned to school districts in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be used for salaries and other current expense purposes: *Provided*, That in order to be eligible to receive the funds appropriated in this act a school district shall allocate at least as great a percentage of its current budget, exclusive of transportation costs, for salaries of certificated employees as was allocated during the school year 1946-1947. Salaries of individual employees shall be determined by the school board in each school district based upon salary schedules adopted by such school district: *Provided*, That no teacher holding a regular certificate to teach in the schools of Washington shall be contracted at a salary less than twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) annually.

Use of funds apportioned.

Eligibility for funds.

Salaries.

Minimum for certified teachers.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Superintendent of Public

Appropriation.

Instruction seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for apportionment to counties as provided in this act.

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Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 218.

[S. B. 174.]

FORESTRY—HARVESTING OF PRODUCTS.

AN Act relating to forestry; prescribing practices to be observed in the harvesting of forest products; amending chapter 193 of the Laws of 1945 (Remington's 1945 Supplement 5823-10 to 5823-18; PPC 1945, 574h-1 to 574h-19); and prescribing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 193, Laws of 1945 (Rem. 1945 Supp. 5823-11, PPC 1945, 574h-3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. When used in this act:

Definitions.
"Forester."

1. The term "Forester" shall mean the State Supervisor of Forestry.

"Owner."

2. The term "owner" shall mean the owner of any forest land.

"Adequate restocking."

3. The term "adequate restocking" shall mean a stand of not less than three hundred (300) established live seedlings per acre of which at least one hundred (100) shall be well distributed, or not less than three hundred (300) surviving trees per acre which were established by artificial means.

"Merchantable stand of timber."

4. The term "merchantable stand of timber" shall mean any stand of timber consisting of not less than three thousand (3,000) board feet per acre of currently merchantable live timber as measured by the Scribner Decimal C log rule or three hundred (300) cubic feet as measured by the Sorensen log rule.