

CHAPTER 142.

[S. B. 267.]

MINES AND MINING.

AN Act relating to the organization and administration of the state government and mines and mining, providing for the appointment of certain officers and defining their powers and duties.

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

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| Name of act. | SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Mines and Mining Act and the duty of administering the same shall devolve upon the director of conservation and development hereinafter referred to as director. |
| Director of conservation and development. | |
| Mining engineer to supervise and enforce. | The director shall appoint a competent mining engineer having practical knowledge of the mineral resources and potential possibilities for development of the mining industry who shall have charge and supervision of the enforcement of this act. |
| Duties of director. | SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the director: |
| Statistics. | 1. To collect, compile, publish and disseminate statistics and information relating to mining, milling and metallurgy; |
| Special studies. | 2. To make special studies of the mineral resources and industries of the state; |
| Exhibits. | 3. To collect and assemble an exhibit of mineral specimens, both metallic and non-metallic, especially those of economic and commercial importance, such collection constituting the museum of mining and mineral development; |
| Library. | 4. To collect and assemble a library pertaining to mining, milling and metallurgy of books, reports, drawings, tracings and maps and other information relating to the mineral industry and the arts and sciences of mining and metallurgy; |

5. To make a collection of models, drawings and descriptions of the mechanical appliances used in mining and metallurgical processes;

Models.

6. To issue bulletins and reports with illustrations and maps with detailed description of the natural mineral resources of the state;

Bulletins and reports.

7. To preserve and maintain such collections and library open to the public for reference and examination and maintain a bureau of general information concerning the mineral and mining industry of the state and to issue from time to time at cost of publication and distribution such bulletins as may be deemed advisable relating to the statistics and technology of minerals and the mining industry;

For public use.

8. To make determinative examinations of ores and minerals, and consider such other scientific and economical problems relating to mining and metallurgy;

Determinative examinations.

9. To cooperate with all departments of the state government, state educational institutions, the United States geological survey and the United States bureau of mines. It shall be the duty of all departments of the state government and educational institutions to render full cooperation to the director in compiling useful and scientific information relating to the mineral industry within and without the State of Washington, without cost to the department of conservation and development.

Cooperation with state departments.

SEC. 3. The director is authorized to receive on behalf of the state, for the use and benefit of mining and mineral development, gifts, bequests, devices and legacies of real or personal property and to use the same in accordance with the wishes of the donors and to manage, use and dispose of the same for the best interests of mining and mineral development.

Receiver of gifts, donations, bequests, etc.

SEC. 4. The director may, from time to time, prepare special collections of ores and minerals representative of the mineral industry of the state to be

Special collections.

displayed or used at any world fair, exposition, mining congress or state exhibition, in order to promote information relating to the mineral wealth of the state.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1935.

Passed the House March 14, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1935.

CHAPTER 143.

[S. B. 274.]

TAXING DISTRICT RELIEF ACT.

AN ACT relating to taxing districts, as defined in chapter IX of the act of congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved July 1, 1898, as amended, and to assessments or taxes levied or to be levied upon lands therein, enabling such districts to obtain the relief provided in said chapter IX, validating petitions and proceedings under or in contemplation of proceedings under said chapter IX, and declaring an emergency.

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

Act cited
as.

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the Taxing District Relief Act.

Refunding of
debts of
taxing
districts.

SEC. 2. The purpose of this act is to facilitate and permit taxing districts which are unable to meet their debts either in their present amount and/or at the time they fall due, to obtain relief by the readjustment of such debts as provided for by the act of congress hereinafter referred to, by supplementing the powers of those taxing districts for which refunding of debts is provided for by existing statutes, and by providing a method of refunding of debts for those taxing districts for which no method of refunding such debts has heretofore been pro-