

Appropriations,  
\$75,000.00,  
\$500,000.00.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of creating the "Powder Revolving Fund" there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in the state treasury the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00). For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated out of the "Powder Revolving Fund" the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no warrant shall be drawn upon the "Powder Revolving Fund" in excess of the amount in the state treasury to the credit of said fund.

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## CHAPTER 158.

[H. B. 200]

### STATE RECLAMATION ACT.

AN ACT providing for the development of the agricultural resources of the state and the reclamation of arid, swamp, overflow, and logged-off lands, establishing a state reclamation revolving fund, and providing for tax levies to produce revenues therefor, creating a state reclamation board and defining its powers and duties, conferring certain powers upon districts organized for the reclamation of lands, and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and cited as the "State Reclamation Act".

SEC. 2. The object of this act is to provide for the reclamation and development of such of the arid, swamp, overflow, and logged-off lands in the State of Washington as shall be determined to be suitable and economically available for reclama-

Designation  
of act.

tion and development as agricultural lands, and the State of Washington in the exercise of its sovereign and police powers declares the reclamation of such lands to be a state purpose and necessary to the public health, safety and welfare of its people. For that purpose there shall be and hereby is established a department of state government to be known as "The State Reclamation Service of Washington," which shall consist of the state reclamation board and such field experts, and other assistants and employes, as the board shall from time to time deem necessary.

State reclamation service established.

SEC. 3. The state reclamation board, hereinafter called the board, shall consist of five commissioners,—the state commissioner of public lands, the state treasurer, the state hydraulic engineer, the state commissioner of agriculture, and the president of the State College of Washington, ex-officio. The board shall, on its organization and biennially thereafter on the first day of April, elect from among its members a chairman and a secretary, and shall maintain offices at the state capital and hold such regular and special meetings as the business of the department shall require, and keep a record of its proceedings, and may from time to time adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of its business. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the board. The attorney general shall be the legal advisor of the board. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for services rendered as members, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the board, to be paid from the moneys appropriated for the administrative expenses of the board.

Organization and duties of board.

Reclamation  
revolving  
fund.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby created in the state treasury a state reclamation revolving fund, hereinafter called the reclamation fund, which shall consist of all sums that may from time to time be appropriated thereto by the legislature from other funds in the state treasury; all gifts, donations, bequests, and devises, made to the state therefor, and the proceeds of the sale thereof; the proceeds of the sale or redemption of and the interest earned by securities purchased or acquired with the moneys thereof; all reimbursements for moneys advanced for the payment of assessments upon state, school, granted and other public lands for the improvement thereof, as hereinafter provided; and all taxes received under levies authorized by the legislature therefor.

Reimburse-  
ment of  
moneys  
drawn from  
other state  
funds.

Whenever the total amount in the reclamation fund, including cash on hand, market value of property, and par value and accrued interest of securities owned, reimbursements due or to become due for moneys advanced for the improvement of state, school, granted and other public lands, and all uncollected taxes, including the current levy, less all outstanding warrants drawn against such fund, shall equal five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), all taxes from future levies authorized by this act made therefor shall be paid over to the respective funds in the state treasury from which moneys have been appropriated for the reclamation fund, until such funds are reimbursed for all sums so appropriated.

Expenditures  
payable from  
reclamation  
fund.

From the moneys appropriated from the reclamation fund there shall be paid, upon vouchers approved by the board and signed and attested by the chairman and secretary, the administrative expenses of the board and such amounts as shall be found necessary or expedient for the investigation and

survey of reclamation projects proposed to be financed in whole or in part by the board, and such amounts as may be authorized by the board for the reclamation of logged-off lands and for the reclamation of lands of diking, drainage, diking and drainage, and irrigation districts duly and regularly organized under the laws of this state, and such other districts as shall from time to time be authorized by law for the reclamation or development of waste or undeveloped lands, and all of the respective districts hereinabove referred to shall, for the purposes of this act, be known and designated herein as reclamation districts.

SEC. 5. In carrying out the purposes of this act the board shall be authorized and empowered:

Powers of board.

To make surveys and investigations of the unreclaimed and undeveloped lands in this state and to determine the relative agricultural values, productiveness and uses, and the feasibility and cost of reclamation and development thereof;

Surveys.

To formulate and adopt a sound policy for the reclamation and development of the undeveloped agricultural resources of the state, and from time to time select for reclamation and development such lands as may be deemed advisable, and the board may in its discretion advise as to the formation and assist in the organization of reclamation districts under the laws of this state;

Development of agricultural resources.

To purchase the bonds of any reclamation district whose project is approved by the board and which is found to be upon a sound financial basis, and to contract with any such district for making surveys and furnishing engineering plans and supervision for the construction of its project, and to accept the bonds of such district in payment therefor, and to expend the moneys appropriated from the reclamation fund in the purchase of such bonds or in carrying out such contracts;

Aid to reclamation districts.

Sale of district bonds.

To sell and dispose of any reclamation district bonds acquired by the board, at public or private sale, and to pay the proceeds of such sale into the reclamation fund, *Provided*, That such bonds shall not be sold for less than the purchase price plus accrued interest;

To safeguard bona fide development.

To, whenever it shall deem it advisable, require any district with which it may contract, to provide such safeguards as it may deem necessary to assure *bona fide* settlement and development of the lands within such district, by securing from the owners of lands therein agreements to limit the amount of their holdings to such acreage as they can properly farm and to sell their excess land holdings at reasonable prices;

Clearing logged-off lands.

To clear and reclaim logged-off lands in the manner hereinafter in this act provided;

Employment of experts.

To employ all necessary experts, assistants and employes, and fix their compensation, and to enter into any and all contracts and agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act;

Use of departmental and official records.

To have the assistance, cooperation and services of, and the use of the records and files in, all the departments and institutions of the state, particularly the office of the commissioner of public lands, the state department of agriculture, the office of the state hydraulic engineer, the bureau of farm development, the bureau of statistics, agriculture and immigration, the State College of Washington, and the University of Washington; and all state officers and the governing authorities of all state institutions are hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the board in furthering the purposes of this act;

Cooperating with United States.

To cooperate with the United States in any plan of land reclamation or land settlement or agricultural development which the congress of the United

States may provide and which may affect the development of agricultural resources within the State of Washington, or the settlement of soldiers, sailors, and other worthy persons, on the agricultural lands within this state, and the board shall have full power to carry out the provisions of any cooperative land settlement act that may be enacted by the United States.

The board shall prepare and report to the legislature, at the commencement of each biennial session, a full statement of its operations and recommendations.

Biennial reports.

SEC. 6. The board shall have the power to cooperate and to contract with the United States for the reclamation of arid, swamp, overflow, or logged-off lands in this state by the board or by the United States, and shall have the power to contract with the United States for the handling of such reclamation work by the United States and for the repayment of such moneys as the board shall invest from the reclamation fund, under such terms and conditions as the United States laws and the regulations of the interior department shall provide for the repayment of reclamation costs by the lands reclaimed.

Reclamation contracts with United States.

SEC. 7. Every diking, drainage, diking and drainage, and irrigation district duly and regularly organized under the laws of this state, or such other district as shall hereafter be authorized by law and organized for the reclamation or development of waste or undeveloped lands, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into all contracts with the reclamation board for the reclamation of the lands of such district in the manner provided in this act, or such manner as such districts are now authorized by law to contract with the United States or with individuals or corporations, for the making of surveys and furnishing engineer-

Diking, drainage and irrigation district reclamation contracts.

ing plans and supervision for the construction of, or for the construction of, all works and improvements necessary for the reclamation of its lands, and for the sale or delivery of its bonds.

Inclusion of  
state lands  
in projects.

SEC. 8. Whenever in the judgment of the commissioner of public lands any state, school, granted, or other public lands of the state will be specially benefited by any proposed reclamation project approved by the board, he may consent that such lands be included in any reclamation district organized for the purpose of carrying out such reclamation project, and in that event the reclamation board shall be authorized to pay, out of the current appropriations from the reclamation fund, the district assessments levied as provided by law against such lands, and any such assessments paid shall be made a charge against the lands upon which they were levied, and the amount thereof, but without interest, shall be added to the appraised value and included in the sale price of such lands when sold, and the state treasurer shall, upon the certificate of the state land commissioner, credit such amount of the proceeds of the sale, when received, to the reclamation fund.

Survey of  
state's  
logged-off  
land.

SEC. 9. Whenever the commissioner of public lands shall believe that any tract of cut-over forest or logged-off state, school, granted, or other public lands of the state, is of such quality and so situated that it may be profitably cleared and made ready for cultivation for agricultural purposes under the provisions of this act, he may request the state reclamation board to make a survey and investigation thereof and to determine the cost of clearing the same and whether such clearing will increase the value of the land sufficiently to warrant the expense.

Report on  
feasibility.

SEC. 10. Upon the filing of such request by the commissioner of public lands the board may in its

discretion cause a survey and investigation of the lands described in the request to be made, and determine whether the land is of such character and so situated that it can be profitably cleared and made ready for cultivation for agricultural purposes under the provisions of this act. In making such determination the board shall take into consideration: (a) the character and quantity of stumps and debris on the land and the cost of removing and destroying the same; and (b) the character of the soil, its depth and fertility, the number and kinds of crops to which it is adapted, the local climatic conditions, the local annual rainfall, the water supply upon the land, the drainage, the number and extent of the markets accessible, the distance and means of transportation to market, the amount of similar land already under cultivation and accessible to the same market or markets, and the ordinary margin of profit per acre between the cost of production and the market price of the various crops to which the land is adapted.

Upon completion of the investigation the board shall make a detailed report of its findings and furnish a copy thereof to the commissioner of public lands and such report shall be kept on file for the information of the board and the commissioner and shall be open to public inspection.

SEC. 11. If the board shall determine that the state lands investigated as provided in the preceding section can be profitably cleared and made ready for cultivation and sold at an advanced price sufficient to cover the cost of clearing, it may cause the same to be cleared and pay the cost of such clearing out of the moneys appropriated from the reclamation fund for the reclamation of lands, and the cost of such clearing shall be made a charge against the lands cleared and included in the sale

Cost of clearing added to sale price of state lands.



price thereof when sold, and such lands may be sold upon such terms as to deferred payments, including the cost of clearing, as is provided by law for the sale of state, school, granted, or other public lands of the state.

Tax levy for reclamation purposes.

SEC. 12. For the purpose of raising revenue for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, the state board of equalization shall, beginning the fiscal year of 1919, and annually thereafter, at the time of levying taxes for state purposes, levy upon all property subject to taxation, and the proper officers shall collect, a tax of one-half of one mill. The revenue so raised shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the state reclamation revolving fund.

Appropriation, \$100,000.00.

SEC. 13. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in the state treasury into the state reclamation revolving fund the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00); for the purpose of making surveys and investigations of unreclaimed and undeveloped lands in this state and for general administrative expenses of the state reclamation board there is hereby appropriated out of the state reclamation revolving fund the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary; for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act relating to the purchase of the bonds of reclamation districts, the performance of contracts made with such districts, the payment of reclamation district assessments levied against lands of the state, and the payment of the cost of clearing logged-off lands of the state, there is hereby appropriated out of the state reclamation revolving fund the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no warrant shall be drawn upon the state reclamation revolving fund in excess of the

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amount in the state treasury to the credit of said fund.

SEC. 14. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. Partial  
invalidity.

SEC. 15. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

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## CHAPTER 159.

[S. H. B. 71.]

### JUVENILE INSURANCE BY FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

AN ACT relating to Fraternal Benefit Societies; further extending and defining the powers of such societies; and making provision for writing juvenile insurance by Fraternal Benefit Societies.

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

SECTION 1. Any fraternal benefit society operating on the lodge system and authorized to transact the business of fraternal insurance in this state may provide in its constitution and by-laws, in addition to other benefits provided for therein, for the payment of death or annuity benefits upon the lives of children between the ages of two and eighteen years at next birthday, for whose support and maintenance a member of such society is responsible. Any such society may at its option organize and operate branches for such children and mem- Juvenile  
death  
benefits  
authorized.