

## CHAPTER 7.

[H. B. 116.]

## RECLAMATION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

AN ACT relating to the powers and duties of the director of the Department of Conservation and Development of the State of Washington, amending section 1 of chapter 13, Laws of the Extraordinary Session 1933 and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 13, Laws of the Extraordinary Session, 1933, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That section 5 of chapter 158 of the Laws of 1919, as amended by chapter 132 of the Laws of 1923 of the State of Washington, same being section 3008 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. In carrying out the purposes of this act, the director of the department of conservation and development of the State of Washington shall be authorized and empowered:

To make surveys and investigations of the wholly or partially 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;

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

To purchase the bonds of any reclamation district whose project is approved by the director and

Amends § 1,  
ch. 13, Laws  
of 1933.

Director of  
conservation  
and  
development.

Surveys of  
unreclaimed  
lands.

Adopt policy  
for reclama-  
tion.

Purchase  
of bonds.

which is found to be upon a sound financial basis, to contract with any such district for making surveys and furnishing engineering plans and supervision for the construction of its project, or for constructing or completing its project and to advance money to the credit of the district for any or all of such purposes, and to accept the bonds of such district in payment therefor, and to expend the monies appropriated from the reclamation fund in the purchase of such bonds or in carrying out such contracts:

Interest.

*Provided*, That interest not to exceed the annual rate provided for in the bonds agreed to be purchased, shall be charged and received for all monies advanced to the district prior to the delivery of the bonds and the amount of such interest shall be included in the purchase price of such bonds.

*Provided further*, That no district, the bonds of which have been purchased by the state under the provisions of

Approval of  
director.

the State Reclamation Act, shall thereafter during the life of said bonds make expenditures of any kind from the bond fund of the district or incur obligations chargeable against such fund without previous written approval of the director of conservation and development of the State of Washington, and any obligations against such fund incurred without such approval shall be void.

Disposal  
of bonds.

To sell and dispose of any reclamation district bonds acquired by the director, 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, except in case of a sale to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, its successor, or any other agency supplied with money by the United States of America, or to the United State of America in furtherance of refunding operations of any irrigation district, diking or drainage district, or diking or drainage improvement district, now pending or

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Corporation.

hereafter carried on by such district, in which case the director shall have authority to sell any bonds of such district owned by the State of Washington under the provisions of the State Reclamation Act, to the United States of America, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, its successor, or other Federal agency on such terms as said United States of America, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, its successor, or other Federal agency shall prescribe for bonds of the same issue of such district as that held by the State of Washington in connection with such refunding operations.

To borrow money upon the security of any bonds, including refunding bonds, of any reclamation district, acquired by the director, on such terms and rate of interest and over such period of time as the director may see fit, and to hypothecate and pledge reclamation district bonds or refunding bonds acquired by the director as security for such loan. Such loans shall have, as their sole security, the bonds so pledged and the revenues therefrom, and the director shall not have authority to pledge the general credit of the State of Washington: *Provided*, That in reloaning any money so borrowed, or obtained from a sale of bonds it shall be the duty of the director to fix such rates of interest as will prevent impairment of the reclamation revolving fund.

Rates of  
interest.

To purchase delinquent general tax or delinquent special assessment certificates chargeable against lands included within any reclamation district obligated to the state under the provisions of the State Reclamation Act, and to purchase lands included in such districts and placed on sale on account of delinquent taxes or delinquent assessments with the same rights, privileges and powers with respect thereto as a private holder and owner of said certificates, or as a private purchaser of said lands: *Provided*, That the director shall be entitled to a delin-

Delinquent  
assessments.

County treasurer.

quent tax certificate upon application to the proper county treasurer therefor without the necessity of a resolution of the board of county commissioners authorizing the issuance of certificates of delinquency required by law in the case of the sale of such certificates to private purchasers.

Sale of delinquent certificates.

To sell said delinquent certificates or the lands acquired at sale on account of delinquent taxes or delinquent assessments at public or private sale, and on such conditions as the director shall determine;

Safeguards.

To, whenever the director shall deem it advisable, require any district with which he may contract, to provide such safeguards as he 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 of lands.

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

Necessary employees.

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

Cooperation of state agencies.

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 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 director in furthering the purpose of this act;

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 effect 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 director shall have full power to carry out the provisions of any cooperative land settlement act that may be enacted by the United States.

Cooperation  
with Federal  
government.

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

Biennial  
report.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Effective  
immediately.

Passed the House January 29, 1935.

Passed the Senate February 6, 1935.

Approved by the Governor February 14, 1935.

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## CHAPTER 8.

[S. B. 33.]

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO BE KNOWN AS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

AN ACT changing the name of the Department of Public Works to the Department of Public Service and providing that all the powers and duties now exercised by the director and officers of the Department of Public Works be exercised by the director and officers of the Department of Public Service.

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

SECTION 1. The department of public works of the State of Washington hereafter shall be known as the department of public service, and the di-

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service.