

Salary.

supervision of the Department of Game, and shall receive a salary of not to exceed six thousand dollars per annum, and shall have power to appoint and employ such Game Protectors, Deputy Game Protectors, and such clerical and other assistants as may be necessary for the general administration of the department, and no person shall be eligible to appointment as or hold the office of Director of Game unless he has practical knowledge of the habits and distribution of the game and game fish of this state.

Passed the Senate February 25, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

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CHAPTER 43.

[S. B. 184.]

HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

AN ACT relating to housing authorities; redefining and enlarging their powers; and amending section 8, chapter 23, Laws of 1939 (section 6889-8, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 637-13).

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

Amend-
ments.

SECTION 1. Section 8, chapter 23, Laws of 1939 (section 6889-8, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 637-13), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 8. An authority shall constitute a public body corporate and politic, exercising public and essential governmental functions, and having all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this act, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted:

(a) To sue and be sued; to have a seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to have perpetual suc-

cession; to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the authority; and to make and from time to time amend and repeal by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this act, to carry into effect the powers and purposes of the authority.

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(b) Within its area of operation: to prepare, carry out, acquire, lease and operate housing projects; to provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration or repair of any housing project or any part thereof.

(c) To arrange or contract for the furnishing by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, or facilities for, or in connection with, a housing project or the occupants thereof; and (notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this act or in any other provision of law) to include in any contract let in connection with a project, stipulations requiring that the contractor and any sub-contractors comply with requirements as to minimum wages and maximum hours of labor, and comply with any conditions which the Federal government may have attached to its financial aid of the project.

(d) To lease or rent any dwellings, houses, accommodations, lands, buildings, structures or facilities embraced in any housing project and (subject to the limitations contained in this act) to establish and revise the rents or charges therefor; to own, hold, and improve real or personal property; to purchase, lease, obtain options upon, acquire by gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise including financial assistance and other aid from the state or any public body, person or corporation, any real or personal property or any interest therein; to acquire by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any real property; to sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge or dispose of any real or

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personal property or any interest therein; to insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal property or operations of the authority against any risks or hazards; to procure or agree to the procurement of insurance or guarantees from the Federal government of the payment of any bonds or parts thereof issued by an authority, including the power to pay premiums on any such insurance.

(e) To invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds, or any funds not required for immediate disbursement, in property or securities in which savings banks may legally invest funds subject to their control; to purchase its bonds at a price not more than the principal amount thereof and accrued interest, all bonds so purchased to be cancelled.

(f) Within its area of operation: to investigate into living, dwelling and housing conditions and into the means and methods of improving such conditions; to determine where slum areas exist or where there is a shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income; to make studies and recommendations relating to the problem of clearing, replanning and reconstructing of slum areas, and the problem of providing dwelling accommodations for persons of low income, and to cooperate with the city, the county, the state or any political subdivision thereof in action taken in connection with such problems; and to engage in research, studies and experimentation on the subject of housing.

(g) Acting through one or more commissioners or other person or persons designated by the authority: to conduct examinations and investigations and to hear testimony and take proof under oath at public or private hearings on any matter material for its information; to administer oaths, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or the production of books and papers and to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses who are outside

of the state or unable to attend before the authority, or excused from attendance; to make available to appropriate agencies (including those charged with the duty of abating or requiring the correction of nuisances or like conditions, or of demolishing unsafe or insanitary structures within its area of operation) its findings and recommendations with regard to any building or property where conditions exist which are dangerous to the public health, morals, safety or welfare.

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(h) To exercise all or any part or combination of powers herein granted.

No provisions of law with respect to the acquisition, operation or disposition of property by other public bodies shall be applicable to an authority unless the legislature shall specifically so state.

(i) To agree (notwithstanding the limitation contained in section 22 of this act) to make such payments in lieu of taxes as the authority finds consistent with the achievement of the purposes of this act.

(j) To exercise the powers granted in this act within the boundaries of any city, town, or county not included in the area in which such Housing Authority is originally authorized to function: *Provided, however,* The governing or legislative body of such city, town, or county, as the case may be, adopts a resolution declaring that there is a need for the authority to function in such territory.

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