

Extension of time for filing.

storage prior to such designation: *Provided, however,* That in case of such failure the claimant may apply to the Supervisor of Hydraulics for a reasonable extension of time, which shall not exceed two (2) additional years and which shall be granted upon a showing of good cause for such failure.

Withdrawal of such waters.

Any person, firm or corporation hereafter withdrawing ground water claimed to be owned by virtue of artificial storage subsequent to designation of the relevant ground water area, sub-area, or zone shall, within ninety (90) days following the earliest such withdrawal, file in the office of the Supervisor of Hydraulics the declarations required by this act with respect to withdrawals of public ground water.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1947.

Passed the House March 6, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.

CHAPTER 123.

[S. B. 170.]

USE AND DIVERSION OF WATERS.

AN ACT relating to the use and diversion of water in the State of Washington and amending section 2 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1925, fixing the compensation of stream patrolmen, and amending section 9 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1917, fixing the compensation of water masters.

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

SECTION 1. That section 2 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1925 (Rem. Rev. Stat. 7351-2; PPC 993-75), be amended to read as follows:

Wages of stream patrolmen.

Section 2. Each stream patrolman shall receive a wage per day for each day actually employed in the duties of his office, or if employed by the month, he shall receive a salary per month, which wage or salary shall be fixed in the manner provided by law

for the fixing of the salaries or compensation of other state officers or employees, plus his necessary transportation expenses.

Expenses.

SEC. 2. That section 9 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1917 (Rem. Rev. Stat. 7359; PPC 993-71), be amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Water masters shall be appointed by the State Supervisor of Hydraulics upon application by interested parties making a reasonable showing of the necessity therefor, at such time, for such districts, and for such periods of service, as local conditions may indicate to be necessary to provide the most practical supervision on the part of the state and to secure to water users and owners the best protection in their rights. The districts for or in which the water masters serve shall be designated water districts, which shall be fixed from time to time by the State Supervisor of Hydraulics, as required, and they shall be subject to revision as to boundaries or to complete abandonment as local conditions may indicate to be expedient, the spirit of this provision being that no districts need be created or maintained or water masters appointed therefor, where the need for the same does not exist. Water masters shall be under the supervision of the State Supervisor of Hydraulics, and shall be technically qualified to the extent of understanding the elementary principles of hydraulics and irrigation, and of being able to make water measurements in streams and in open and closed conduits of all characters, by the usual methods employed for that purpose. Each water master shall, if employed by the day, receive a wage per day for each day he shall be actually employed in the duties of his office, or, if employed by the month, he shall receive a salary per month, which wage or salary shall be fixed in the manner provided by law for the fixing of the salaries or compensation of other state officers or employees, to be

Water masters.

Water districts.

Qualifications for water masters.

Compensation.

Expenses.

paid by the county in which the work is performed. In case the service extends over more than one county each county shall pay its equitable part of such wage to be apportioned by the State Supervisor of Hydraulics. He shall be reimbursed for actual necessary expenses when absent from his designated headquarters in the performance of his duties, such expense to be paid by the county in which he renders the service. The accounts of the water master shall be audited and certified by the State Supervisor of Hydraulics and the County Auditor shall issue a warrant therefor upon the current expense fund.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1947.

Passed the House March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.

CHAPTER 124.

[S. B. 186.]

ACQUISITION OF LAND BY DEPARTMENT OF GAME.

AN ACT relating to the acquisition of lands by the Department of Game for public hunting and fishing areas, game habitat areas, access areas to lakes and streams, and other like purposes, and making an appropriation for the State Game Fund.

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

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State Game Fund of the State of Washington, the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary to be expended during the biennium beginning April 1, 1947, and ending March 31, 1949, for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or lease public hunting and fishing areas, game and fish habitat areas, access areas to lakes and streams and game refuge sites, and for the further purpose of entering into

Areas.