

## CHAPTER 193.

[ S. B. 22. ]

## STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts; directing irrigation district directors jointly to prepare annual reports on irrigation district operations and authorizing the designation of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts, as a co-ordinating agency in the execution of this act; permitting irrigation districts to reimburse the association for services so rendered; and authorizing the directors to attend inter-irrigation district meetings.

The legislature hereby declares that public necessity for the uniformity and coordination of irrigation district operative and development programs is essential to the agricultural welfare of the State of Washington, *Now Therefore*

Purposes declared.

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

SECTION 1. The Directors of the several irrigation districts in the state shall take such action as they deem necessary to effect coordination of their common programs for the economical and efficient operation of their districts and the reclamation of lands therein, and prepare reports annually for such operations.

Coordination of common programs.

Reports.

SEC. 2. The Directors of such irrigation districts may designate a State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts as a co-ordinating agency in the execution of the duties imposed by this act, and reimburse the association from district expense funds in the annual district budgets for the costs of the services rendered, and the several districts may levy assessments against the lands therein for this purpose. Such reimbursement shall be paid only on vouchers approved by the Board of Directors of the contributing district in the manner provided for the approval of district vouchers generally, and submitted to the proper County Auditor for issuance of

State association may be created.

Expenses.

Vouchers.

warrants thereon. The vouchers shall set forth the nature of the claim involved and shall be signed by the claimant in the manner required by law. The total of such voucher claims for any district in any calendar year shall not exceed two per cent (2%) of the total amount or its equivalent of the expense fund levy of the district for that year.

Maximum expense per district.

Boards of the districts may take other action.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors of the several districts may effect the state organization herein contemplated and take such further and other action in behalf of their respective districts as they deem necessary to carry out the intent of this act, including support of and attendance at such meetings as may be required to promote and perfect the organization and to effect its purposes.

Vetoed.

SEC. 4. To avoid duplication of effort the association may, in the discretion of its officers, affiliate and cooperate with other reclamation organizations and agencies in the state engaged in the promotion of the reclamation of lands in the state.

Passed the Senate January 29, 1947.

Passed the House March 5, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 1947, with the exception of Section 4, which is vetoed.