

exceeding seven dollars (\$7) in lieu of subsistence and lodging to elective and appointive officials and state employees while engaged on official business away from their designated posts of duty, but within the State of Washington or an adjoining state, and not exceeding nine dollars (\$9) per day while engaged on official business elsewhere.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 86, Laws of 1943 (1943 Rem. Supp., sec. 10981-2) is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 2. Whenever it becomes necessary for an elective or appointive official or employee of the state to travel away from his designated post of duty while engaged on official business, and it is found to be more advantageous and economical to the state that he travel by a privately owned automobile rather than by a common carrier, he shall be allowed a mileage rate not to exceed eight cents (8¢) a mile. Mileage rate for private cars.

Passed the Senate January 19, 1949.

Passed the House February 10, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 16, 1949.

CHAPTER 18.

[S. B. 43.]

RHODODENDRON, OFFICIAL STATE FLOWER.

AN ACT designating the Rhododendron (*Californicum*) as the official flower of the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That the Rhododendron (*Californicum*) be, and the same is hereby designated as, the official flower of the State of Washington. Official state flower.

Passed the Senate February 11, 1949.

Passed the House February 10, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 16, 1949.