

Compensation of board of experts.

from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for carrying out the provisions of this subsection, and the Director of Agriculture is authorized to fix the compensation, if he determines any shall be paid, of the board of experts created, which shall be in addition and supplemental to any other compensation received from the State of Washington, and to pay members' expenses as the expenses of other state employees are paid.

Emergency.

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 public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1949.

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Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.

CHAPTER 194

[S. B. 257.]

COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to aeronautics and establishment of airports; and amending section 12, chapter 182, Laws of 1945.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 12, chapter 182, Laws of 1945 (sec. 2722-41, Rem. Supp. 1945), is amended to read as follows:

Establishment of county airports authorized.

Section 12. The establishment of County Airport Districts is hereby authorized. Written application for the formation of such a district signed by at least one hundred (100) registered voters, who reside and own real estate in the proposed districts, shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners. The Board shall immediately transmit the application to the proper registrar of voters for the proposed district who shall check the names, resi-

Application filed with Board of County Commissioners.

dence and registration of the the signers with the records of his office and shall, as soon as possible, certify to said Board the number of qualified signers. If the requisite number of signers is so certified, the Board shall thereupon place the proposition: "Shall a County Airport District be established in the following area: (describing the proposed district)?," upon the ballot for vote of the people of the proposed district at the next election, general or special. If a majority of the voters on such proposition shall vote in favor of the proposition, the Board, shall, by resolution, declare the district established. If the requisite number of qualified persons have not signed the application, further signatures may be added and certified until the requisite number have signed and the above procedure shall be thereafter followed.

Election.

The area of such district may be the area of the county including incorporated cities and towns, or such portion or portions thereof as the Board may determine to be the most feasible for establishing an airport. When established, an Airport District shall be a municipality as defined in this act and entitled to all the powers conferred by this act and exercised by municipal corporations in this state. The Airport District is hereby empowered to levy not more than three (3) mills against the assessed valuation of the property lying within the said Airport District: *Provided, however,* Such levy shall not be made unless first approved at any election called for the purpose of voting on such levy.

Area of district.

District shall be a municipality.

Levy.

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