

CHAPTER 216.

[S. B. 303.]

SOIL CONSERVATION.

AN ACT relating to soil conservation; and amending sections 89.08.170, 89.08.180, 89.08.030 and 89.08.040, R.C.W.

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

Amendment. SECTION 1. Section 89.08.170, R.C.W., as derived from section 5, chapter 187, Laws of 1939, is amended to read as follows:

Name of proposed district; submission to secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the name of the proposed district is such as will not be confused with that of any other district, he shall enter the application and statement in his records. If he finds the name may be confusing, he shall certify that fact to the committee, which shall submit a new name free from such objections, and he shall enter the application and statement as modified, in his records. Thereupon the district shall be considered organized into a body corporate.

Certificate of organization. Admissible as evidence. The secretary of state shall then issue to the supervisors a certificate of organization of the district under the seal of the state, and shall record the certificate in his office. Proof of the issuance of the certificate shall be evidence of the establishment of the district, and a certified copy of the certificate shall be admissible as evidence and shall be proof of the filing and contents thereof. The name of a soil conservation district may be changed upon recommendation by the supervisors of a district and approval by the state soil conservation committee and the secretary of state. The new name shall be recorded by the secretary of state following the same general procedure as for the previous name.

Change of name. [R.C.W. 89.08.170 was derived from the 3rd para. of subsection (f) of Rem. Supp. § 10726-5. Remainder of § 10726-5 is codified in adjoining sections of R.C.W.]

SEC. 2. Section 89.08.180, R.C.W., as derived from section 5, chapter 187, Laws of 1939, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Territory may be added to an existing district upon filing a like petition with the committee by owners of the lands to be included. The same proceedings shall be followed as on the petition for the creation of the district: *Provided*, The committee may upon the petition of two-thirds of the owners of land in a part of any one or more soil conservation districts change the boundaries of said district or districts. In case of an election all owners of land in the area proposed to be annexed, shall be eligible to vote thereat. Annexation of territory; petition.

[R.C.W. 89.08.180 was derived from Rem. Supp. § 10726-5 (f).]

SEC. 3. Section 89.08.030, R.C.W., as derived from section 2 [1], chapter 106, Laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

There is hereby created as an agency of the state, the state soil conservation committee. State soil conservation committee.

The committee shall consist of the director of the Washington state extension service, the director of the Washington state agricultural experimental station at Pullman, the state director of agriculture, the Washington state director of conservation and development, the commissioner of public lands and four farmer members including the president and secretary of the Washington state association of soil conservation district supervisors, the remaining two farmer members, who shall be actively engaged in farming, to be appointed by the governor. Of such two farmer members first appointed one shall be appointed for two years and one shall be appointed for four years. At the expiration of the term upon which each of these original appointments is made, each successor farmer member shall be appointed for a term of four years. An *ex officio* member of the committee shall hold office so long as he retains Members.

Term of office.

the office by virtue of which he is a member of the committee.

[R.C.W. 89.08.030 was derived from sub-section (a) of Rem. Supp. § 10726-4.]

Amendment. SEC. 4. Section 89.08.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 2 [1], chapter 106, Laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

Chairman. The committee shall designate its chairman from time to time. Members shall receive no compensation, but shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Compensation. Duties. The committee shall keep a record of all its official actions, proceedings, resolutions, regulations, and orders, provide for an annual audit of its accounts, adopt a seal, which shall be judicially noticed, adopt and promulgate rules, hold public hearings, and do all things necessary to carry out its functions. The state department of conservation and development is empowered to pay the necessary travel expenses of the farmer members of the state soil conservation committee, and the salaries, wages and other expenses of such administrative officers or other employees as may be required under the provisions of this act.

[R.C.W. 89.08.040 was derived from sub-section (c) of Rem. Supp. § 10726-4. Other portions of § 10726-4 are codified in adjoining sections of R.C.W.]

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