

SEC. 22. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency.
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 House March 8, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1951, with
the exception of section 21, which is vetoed.

CHAPTER 260.

[S. B. 55.]

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to state government; creating public service
commission; providing for the appointment of public service
commissioners; and amending section 43.53.010, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.53.010, R.C.W., as derived
from section 1, chapter 117, Laws of 1949, is hereby Amendment.
amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created and established a state
commission to be known and designated as the Wash- Washington
public
service
commission.
ington public service commission, and in this act
referred to as the commission.

The commission shall be composed of three mem- Membership.
bers appointed by the governor, with the consent of
the senate. Not more than two members of said
commission shall belong to the same political party.

The members of the first commission to be ap- Terms.
pointed after taking effect of this act shall be ap-
pointed for terms beginning April 1, 1951, and
expiring as follows: One commissioner for the term
expiring January 1, 1953; one commissioner for the
term expiring January 1, 1955; one commissioner for
the term expiring January 1, 1957. Each of the com-
missioners shall hold office until his successor is

appointed and qualified. Upon the expiration of the terms of the three commissioners first to be appointed as herein provided, each succeeding commissioner shall be appointed and hold office for the term of six years. One of such commissioners to be designated by the governor, shall, during the term of the appointing governor, be the chairman of the commission.

Chairman.

Salaries.

Each commissioner shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars *per annum*, payable monthly.

Removal.

Any member of the commission may be removed for inefficiency, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, upon specific written charges filed by the governor, who shall transmit such written charges to the member accused and to the chief justice of the supreme court. The chief justice shall thereupon designate a special tribunal composed of three judges of the superior court to hear and adjudicate the charges. Such tribunal shall fix the time, place and procedure for the hearing, and the hearing shall be public. The decision of such tribunal shall be final and not subject to review.

Special tribunal.

If the tribunal specified herein finds the charges of the governor to be true, the governor shall have the right to immediately remove the commissioner from office, to declare that position of the commissioner vacant, and appoint another commissioner to the position in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Vacancy.

Any vacancy arising in the office of commissioner shall be filled by appointment by the governor, and an appointee selected to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the full term for which his predecessor on the commission was appointed.

Vacancy when senate not in session; temporary appointment.

If a vacancy occurs while the senate is not in session, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate, when

he shall present to the senate his nomination or nominations for the office to be filled.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1949, § 10964-115-1.]

Passed the Senate March 8, 1951.

Passed the House March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1951.

CHAPTER 261.

[S. B. 340.]

SOCIAL SECURITY—CENTRAL OPERATING FUND.

AN ACT relating to social security; providing for county emergency funds.

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

SECTION 1. In order to obtain federal matching funds on federal-aid program payments made while eligibility is being established, and in order that other categories of need may be provided for, the director of the department of social security is authorized to make provisions for the cash payment of assistance by county administrators by the establishment of a central operating fund. The director may establish such a fund with the approval of the state auditor from monies appropriated to the department of social security for the payment of general assistance in a sum not to exceed one million dollars. Such funds shall be deposited as agreed upon by the director and the state auditor in accordance with the laws regulating the deposits of public funds. Such security shall be required of the depository in connection with the fund as the state treasurer may prescribe. Monies remaining in the fund shall be returned to the general fund at the end of the biennium, or an accounting of proper expenditures from the fund shall be made to the state auditor. All expenditures from such central operating

Central
operating
fund.

Source.

Deposit.

Biennial
return of
monies or
accounting.