

CHAPTER 340.

[ Sub. S. B. 519. ]

STATE GOVERNMENT—SALARIES—ADVISORY SALARY COMMITTEE.

AN ACT relating to state government; creating an advisory committee on salaries; and amending section 1, chapter 111, Laws of 1949 and RCW 43.03.040, section 14, chapter 176, Laws of 1935, section 7, chapter 196, Laws of 1941, section 3, chapter 114, Laws of 1947 and RCW 43.41.010, section 5, chapter 227, Laws of 1949 and RCW 43.52.040 and RCW 43.52.050, section 1, chapter 260, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.53.010, section 1, chapter 155, Laws of 1945 and RCW 43.67.020, RCW 43.67.030 and RCW 43.67.040, section 1, chapter 151, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.78.070, and declaring an emergency.

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

Governor's advisory committee created.

Committee members.

Salaries and duties of appointed state officials studied.

Recommend salaries.

Amendment.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a committee to be known as the Governor's advisory committee on salaries, to consist of six members as follows: The dean of the College of Business Administration of the University of Washington; the dean of the School of Economics and Business of Washington State College; the chairman of the State Personnel Board; the president of the Association of Washington Industries; the president of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Managers' Association; and one representative from organized labor. The committee herein created shall study the duties and salaries of the directors of the several departments and the members of the several boards and commissions of state government who are subject to appointment by the governor, and to recommend to the governor the salaries to be fixed for each respective position. Such recommendations shall be submitted to the governor in writing at least once in each fiscal biennium on such date as the governor may designate.

SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 111, Laws of 1949 and RCW 43.03.040 are each amended to read as follows: The directors of the several departments and mem-

bers of the several boards and commissions, who are subject to appointment by the governor, shall each severally receive such salaries, payable in monthly installments, as shall be fixed by the governor, after consideration of the recommendations of the advisory committee on salaries created in section 1 of this act, upon the basis of official responsibility, not to exceed, however, the sum of twelve thousand dollars per annum for the director, acting director, commissioner, board member or other such officer, except the director of public institutions and the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars for the director of the veterans' rehabilitation council.

Salary fixed by governor.

Maximum salary.

Exception.

SEC. 3. Section 14, chapter 176, Laws of 1935, section 7, chapter 196, Laws of 1941, and section 3, chapter 114, Laws of 1947 (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 43.41.010) are each amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

(RCW 43.41.010) There is hereby created in the office of the governor the office of "director of budget." The director of budget shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate; shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor, and shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the governor at not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars nor more than twelve thousand dollars per annum. He shall have the power to appoint such assistants, deputies and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. As the personal representative of the governor with respect to fiscal matters it shall be his duty to attend the meetings of the administrative board.

"Director of budget;" appointment, term, salary and duties.

SEC. 4. Section 5, chapter 227, Laws of 1949 (heretofore divided and codified as RCW 43.52.040 and RCW 43.52.050) is divided and amended as set forth in sections 5 and 6 of this act.

Division and amendment.

Enacted without amendment.

SEC. 5. (RCW 43.52.040) The commission shall consist of three members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. Members of the commisison shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. In making such appointments the governor shall give due recognition to the varying geographical sections of this state.

Commission; appointment and terms of members.

Commission member's salary.

SEC. 6. (RCW 43.52.050) The members of the commission shall receive a salary of not less than eight thousand five hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars per annum, as fixed by the governor, and their necessary traveling and other expenses.

Amendment.

SEC. 7. Section 1, chapter 260, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.53.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Washington public service commission created.

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

Commission membership.

The commission shall be composed of three members 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.

Limitation.

Terms of first appointed commission members.

The members of the first commission to be appointed after taking effect of this section shall be appointed 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 commissioners 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

Terms of succeeding commission members.

of the appointing governor, be the chairman of the commission. Chairman.

Each commissioner shall receive a salary of not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twelve thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, as may be fixed by the governor. Salary of commissioner.

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. Removal of commissioner; procedure.  
  
Public hearing.

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 the position of the commissioner vacant, and appoint another commissioner to the position in accordance with the provisions of the law.

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; appointee's term.

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. Temporary appointment.

SEC. 8. Section 1, chapter 155, Laws of 1945 (heretofore divided and codified as RCW 43.67.020, RCW 43.67.030 and RCW 43.67.040) is divided and Division and amendment.

amended to read as set forth in sections 9, 10, and 11 of this act.

Board of prison terms and paroles; membership and terms.

SEC. 9. (RCW 43.67.020) The board of prison terms and paroles shall consist of a chairman and two other members, each of whom shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Each member shall hold office for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. The terms shall be staggered so that the term of one member will expire on April 15th of each odd-numbered year. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments are made. In the event of the inability of any member to act, the governor shall appoint some competent person to act in his stead during the continuance of such inability. The members shall not be removable during their respective terms except for cause determined by the superior court of Thurston county. The governor in appointing the members shall designate one of them to serve as chairman during his term of office.

Vacancies.

Removal.

Chairman.

Limitation on activities of board member.

The members of the board of prison terms and paroles and its officers and employees shall not engage in any other business or profession or hold any other public office; nor shall they, at the time of appointment or employment or during their incumbency, serve as the representative of any political party on an executive committee or other governing body thereof, or as an executive officer or employee of any political committee or association. The members of the board of prison terms and paroles shall each severally receive salaries, payable in monthly installments, in the sum of not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars a year, as may be fixed by the governor, and in addition thereto, their necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

Salaries.

The board may employ, and fix, with the approval of the governor, the compensation of and prescribe the duties of a secretary and such officers, employees, and assistants as may be necessary, and provide necessary quarters, supplies, and equipment.

Personnel and facilities.

SEC. 10. (RCW 43.67.030) The board of prison terms and paroles shall meet at the penitentiary and the reformatory at such times as may be necessary for a full and complete study of the cases of all convicted persons whose terms of imprisonment are to be determined by it or whose applications for parole come before it. Other times and places of meeting may also be fixed by the board. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and no order of the board shall be valid unless concurred in by at least two of its members.

Enacted without amendment.

Board meetings.

Quorum.

Valid board order.

The superintendent of the different institutions shall provide suitable quarters for the board and assistants while in the discharge of their duties.

Quarters.

SEC. 11. (RCW 43.67.040) The board of prison terms and paroles shall transmit to the governor, for submission to the legislature, biennially, or as often as the governor may require it, a report of its work, in which shall be given the number of prisoners whose terms of imprisonment have been fixed by it and the number who have been released on parole, and such other information as may be relevant.

Enacted without amendment.

Board report.

SEC. 12. Section 1, chapter 151, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.78.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

The public printer shall use the state printing plant, upon the following conditions, to wit:

Use of state printing plant by public printer.

(1) He shall do the public printing, and charge therefor the fees as fixed by the director of budget, but in no instance higher than provided by law. He may print the Washington reports for the pub-

lishers thereof under a contract approved in writing by the governor.

“State printing plant revolving fund.”

(2) The gross income of the public printer shall be deposited in an account designated “state printing plant revolving fund” in depositories approved by the state treasurer, and shall be disbursed by the public printer by check and only as follows:

Disbursement procedure.

First in payment of the actual cost of labor, material, supplies, replacements, repairs, water, light, heat, telephone, rent, and all other expenses necessary in the operation of the plant: *Provided*, That no machinery shall be purchased except on written approval of the governor;

Operational expenses.

Insurance.

Second, in payment of the cost of reasonable insurance upon the printing plant, payable to the state and of all fidelity bonds required by law of the public printer;

Public printer's salary.

Third, in payment to the public printer of a salary which shall be fixed by the governor, but not exceeding ten thousand dollars per annum;

General fund.

Fourth, in remitting the balance to the state treasurer for the general fund, after quarterly audits which shall be conducted by the director of budget: *Provided*, That a reasonable sum to be determined by the governor, the public printer, and the director of budget shall be retained in the fund for working capital for the public printer. Copies of the audits shall be furnished to the governor and state treasurer as soon as completed.

Working capital retained.

Emergency.

SEC. 13. This act is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1955.

Passed the House March 8, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.