

CHAPTER 34.

[S. H. B. 206]

FEDERAL AID FOR IRRIGATION DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR INDEMNITY CONTRACTS TO STATE.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts and land settlement and indemnity contracts, providing for assessments, fixing the powers and duties of certain officers with relation thereto and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. That any irrigation district by and through its board of directors is hereby authorized and shall have the power to enter into a contract with the state of Washington whereby it shall agree to repay to the state of Washington any expenses incurred by the state of Washington and to indemnify the state of Washington against any and all losses and damages which the state of Washington may suffer, under any contract between the state of Washington and the United States relating to land settlement in said district. This act shall apply to all irrigation districts and shall not be otherwise construed.

Authoriza-
tion to enter
into
indemnity
contract.

Applies to all
irrigation
districts.

SEC. 2. When any such irrigation district shall have duly executed and tendered to the state of Washington the contract of indemnity as it is herein empowered to do, the director of conservation and development of the state of Washington is hereby authorized, empowered and required to sign and execute such contract on behalf of the state of Washington. After having received any such contract of indemnity from any such irrigation district the said director of conservation and development is hereby authorized, empowered and required to enter into a contract on behalf of the state of Washington with the United States relating to the land settlement in such district if such contract shall be presented, or

Duty of
director of
conservation
and develop-
ment to
execute
contract.

Contract
between
state and
United States
to be
executed.

Terms of contract if entered into before June 30, 1926.

tendered by the United States, which contract, if entered into on or before June 30, 1926, shall have the same terms and provisions of that certain contract submitted to the State of Washington under authority of the act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1925, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes."

Limit of state's liability \$300,000.00.

Provided, That the liability of the State of Washington to the United States under such contract, if entered into on or before June 30, 1926, shall be limited to \$300,000 and be subject to appropriation therefor being made by the legislature. *Provided*,

Approval of legislature if entered into after June 30, 1926.

further, That the said director of conservation and development or any other officer of the State of Washington shall not enter into any such contract with the United States after June 30, 1926, unless and until any such contract shall have been presented to the legislature by the Governor through the director of conservation and development and approved by a joint resolution of the legislature, which resolution shall be passed by a constitutional majority of both branches of the legislature by roll call.

Irrigation districts to levy assessments to secure compliance with indemnity contract.

SEC. 3. Any such irrigation district which shall have entered into any such contract of indemnity with the state of Washington is hereby empowered and shall annually be required to levy assessments against all the property within said district from time to time in such amounts as shall enable it to reasonably anticipate and promptly comply with its said contract with the state of Washington. Such assessments shall be levied and be payable at the time and in the manner that its regular assessments are made and shall have the same validity, force and effect as assessments for any other purposes. Such assessments shall be levied for and shall be paid into a fund to be known as "The Indemnity Fund"

Manner of levying assessments.

Assessments to be paid into "the indemnity fund."

and such fund shall not be used for any purpose other than to fulfill its obligations under its indemnity contract with the state of Washington. *Provided*, That when all expenses, losses or damages for which the district may become liable to the state of Washington under Section 1 of this act shall have been paid to the state of Washington any money then remaining in "The Indemnity Fund" shall be transferred to the maintenance fund of said district.

Final disposition of money in "the indemnity fund."

SEC. 4. When the State of Washington shall be required to make any payment or expend any money in the performance of any such contract entered into with the United States, an estimate of the amount of expenses likely to be incurred in such performance, together with an estimate of future losses or damages that may occur under such contract shall be made by the director of conservation and development, who shall thereupon return a statement thereof to such district, and the board of directors of such district shall from time to time as required by the director of conservation and development levy against all the property within said district such assessments as may be necessary to repay to the state of Washington such estimated expenses, losses and damages. *Provided*, If such district has no money in "The Indemnity Fund" to repay such expenses when the same shall be incurred or to pay such losses and damages as the same shall accrue it shall be the duty of the board of directors to cause warrants of the district to be issued in payment of such indebtedness, which warrants shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum and be paid from monies paid into the indemnity fund by assessments levied as hereinbefore provided.

Irrigation district to reimburse state for expenditures under federal contract.

Warrants to be issued to reimburse state if no money in "the indemnity fund."

Interest.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety,

Emergency.

and the support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House December 7, 1925.

Passed the Senate December 8, 1925.

Approved by the Governor December 10, 1925.

CHAPTER 35.

[H. B. 62.]

TEMPORARY PUBLICATION OF SESSION LAWS.

AN ACT relating to temporary publication of session laws, and amending Section 8198 of Remington's Compiled Statutes and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

Amends
Pierce's
Code § 6230.

2500 copies.

Size of
type.

Emergency.

SECTION 1. That Section 8198 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 8198. The secretary of state shall cause to be printed for temporary use twenty-five hundred copies of each act filed in his office within ten days after the filing thereof, and in the order of its chapter number. The style and size of type, line and number of lines to the page shall be the same as shall be used in the permanent volume of the session laws of such session.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House November 19, 1925.

Passed the Senate December 1, 1925.

Approved by the Governor December 14, 1925.