

CHAPTER 153.

[S. B. 392.]

FEDERAL SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC
ALLOTMENT ACT.

AN ACT relating to state government; and enabling state administration of plans approved by the secretary of agriculture under the federal soil conservation and domestic allotment act.

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

SECTION 1. To carry out the provisions of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act enacted by the Congress of the United States, the governor may designate any existing agency of the state to administer any state plan authorized by said act which may be approved by the secretary of agriculture of the United States, hereinafter referred to as the "secretary."

Governor to designate agency to administer.

Agency to formulate and submit state plan.

Purpose of plan.

What plan shall provide.

SEC. 2. The agency designated by the governor may formulate and submit to the secretary in conformity with the provisions of said soil conservation and domestic allotment act a state plan for each calendar year beginning with the year 1954. It shall be the purpose of each such plan to promote the utilization of land and farming practices which the designated agency finds will tend to in conjunction with the operation of other plans which may be approved for other states by the secretary to diminish the wasteful and unscientific use of natural resources, to preserve and improve soil fertility, promote the economic use of land, and re-establish and maintain the ratio between the purchasing power of the net income per person on farms and that of the income per person not on farms as defined in subsection (a) of section 7 of said act. Each such plan shall provide for adjustments in the utilization of land and in farming practices, through agreements with producers or through other voluntary methods, and for

inducement payments in connection therewith, and also for methods of administration, and for such reports as the secretary finds necessary for the effective administration of the plan and for ascertaining whether the plan is being carried out according to its terms.

SEC. 3. Upon the acceptance of each such plan by the secretary, the agency designated by the governor, may accept all grants of money made available by the United States for the purpose of enabling the state to carry out the provisions of such plan, and all such funds shall be made available to the designated agency for expenditures necessary in carrying out the plan, including administrative expenses, expenditures in connection with educational programs in aid of the program, and inducement payments.

Agency may accept grants by federal government.

Uses.

SEC. 4. There is hereby created a fund to be known as the "Agricultural Contingent Receipts Fund" into which shall be paid all moneys received from the federal government to carry out the provisions of the act. None of the provisions of RCW 43.01.050 shall be applicable to the agricultural contingent receipts fund, nor to any of the moneys so received and collected.

"Agriculture Contingent Receipts Fund."

SEC. 5. To carry out the provisions of each plan approved by the secretary the agency designated by the governor may employ agents or agencies and establish such agencies as found necessary; to cooperate with local and state agencies and with agencies of other states and of the federal government; to conduct research and educational activities in connection with the formulation and operation of each plan; to enter into agreements with producers, and to provide by other voluntary methods for adjustments in the utilization of land and in farming practices, and for payments in connection therewith

Powers and duties of agency.

Employ or establish agencies.

Cooperate with other agencies.

Research and educational activities.

Agreements with producers.

Payments.

in amounts which the designated agency finds to be fair and reasonable.

Delegation
of powers.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of carrying out each such plan according to its terms, the designated agency is authorized to delegate any of the powers herein conferred to such agents or agencies as it may designate which are approved by the secretary.

Annual
report.

SEC. 7. The designated agency shall render for each year an annual report to the governor, who shall transmit a copy thereof to each house of the legislature, governing the administration of such plan or plans and all operations thereof, including also the expenditures of funds, and each such report shall be printed as a public document promptly upon its transmittal to the governor.

Obligation
or liability.

SEC. 8. Nothing herein shall be construed or operate to impose any obligation or liability upon the designated agency other than as herein specified.

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Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.