

CHAPTER 132.

[H. B. 198.]

RECLAMATION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

AN ACT providing for the development of the agricultural resources of the state, and the reclamation of arid, swamp, over-flow and logged-off lands, and amending sections 3008 and 3010 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington.

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

Amends Rem. Comp. Stat. § 3008; Pierce's Code § 98-23.

SECTION 1. That section 3008 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Director of conservation and development.

Section 3008. In carrying out the purposes of this act, the director of the Department of Conservation and Development of the State of Washington shall be authorized and empowered:

Powers and duties.

Surveys and investigation.

To make surveys and investigations of the wholly or partially unreclaimed and undeveloped lands in this state and to determine the relative agricultural values, productiveness and uses, and the feasibility and cost of reclamation and development thereof;

Adopt policy for reclamation of agricultural lands.

To formulate and adopt a sound policy for the reclamation and development of the agricultural resources of the state, and from time to time select for reclamation and development such lands as may be deemed advisable, and the director may in his discretion advise as to the formation and assist in the organization of reclamation districts under the laws of this state;

Purchase bonds.

To purchase the bonds of any reclamation district whose project is approved by the director and which is found to be upon a sound financial basis, to contract with any such district for making surveys and furnishing engineering plans and supervision for the construction of its project, or for constructing or completing its project and to advance money

to the credit of the district for any or all of such purposes, and to accept the bonds of such district in payment therefor, and to expend the moneys appropriated from the reclamation fund in the purchase of such bonds or in carrying out such contracts: *Provided*, that interest not to exceed the annual rate provided for in the bonds agreed to be purchased, shall be charged and received for all moneys advanced to the district prior to the delivery of the bonds and the amount of such interest shall be included in the purchase price of such bonds. *Provided further*, that no district, the bonds of which have been purchased by the state under the provisions of the State Reclamation Act, shall thereafter during the life of said bonds make expenditures of any kind from the bond fund of the district or incur obligations chargeable against such fund without previous written approval of the director of Conservation and Development of the State of Washington, and any obligations against such fund incurred without such approval shall be void.

To sell and dispose of any reclamation district bonds acquired by the director, at public or private sale, and to pay the proceeds of such sale into the reclamation fund: *Provided*, That such bonds shall not be sold for less than the purchase price plus accrued interest;

Sell bonds.

To purchase delinquent general tax or delinquent special assessment certificates chargeable against lands included within any reclamation district obligated to the state under the provisions of the State Reclamation Act, and to purchase lands included in such districts and placed on sale on account of delinquent taxes or delinquent assessments with the same rights, privileges and powers with respect thereto as a private holder and owner of said certificates, or as a private purchaser of said lands,

Purchase delinquent tax certificates.

Provided, That the director shall be entitled to a delinquent tax certificate upon application to the proper County Treasurer therefor without the necessity of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners authorizing the issuance of certificates of delinquency required by law in the case of the sale of such certificates to private purchasers.

To sell said delinquent certificates or the lands acquired at sale on account of delinquent taxes or delinquent assessments at public or private sale, and on such conditions as the director shall determine;

Require
safeguards.

To, whenever the director shall deem it advisable, require any district with which he may contract, to provide such safeguards as he may deem necessary to assure *bona fide* settlement and development of the lands within such district, by securing from the owners of lands therein agreements to limit the amount of their holdings to such acreage as they can properly farm and to sell their excess land holdings at reasonable prices;

Logged-off
lands.

To clear and reclaim logged-off lands in the manner hereinafter in this act provided;

Employ
experts.

To employ all necessary experts, assistants and employes, and fix their compensation, and to enter into any and all contracts and agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act;

Assistance
from other
departments.

To have the assistance, cooperation and services of, and the use of the records and files in, all the departments and institutions of the state, particularly the office of the commissioner of public lands, the state department of agriculture, the bureau of farm development, the bureau of statistics, agriculture and immigration, the State College of Washington, and the University of Washington; and all state officers and the governing authorities of all state institutions are hereby authorized and directed to co-

operate with the director in furthering the purpose of this act;

To cooperate with the United States in any plan of land reclamation or land settlement or agricultural development which the Congress of the United States may provide and which may affect the development of agricultural resources within the State of Washington, or the settlement of soldiers, sailors, and other worthy persons, on the agricultural lands within this state, and the director shall have full power to carry out the provisions of any cooperative land settlement act that may be enacted by the United States.

Cooperate
with
United
States.

The director shall prepare and report to the legislature, at the commencement of each biennial session, a full statement of his operations and recommendations.

Report to
legislature.

SEC. 2. That section 3010 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 3010;
Pierce's Code
§ 98-25.

Section 3010. Every diking, drainage, diking and drainage, and irrigation district duly and regularly organized under the laws of this state, or such other district as shall hereafter be authorized by law and organized for the reclamation or development of waste or undeveloped lands, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into all contracts with the director for the reclamation of the lands of such district in the manner provided in this act, or in such manner as such districts are now authorized by law to contract with the United States or with individuals or corporations, for the making of surveys and furnishing engineering plans and supervision for the construction of, or for the construction of; all works and improvements necessary for the reclamation of its lands, and for the sale or

Diking and
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director.

delivery of its bonds, and to issue bonds of the district for such purposes.

Passed the House February 26, 1923.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1923.

CHAPTER 133.

[H. B. 230.]

RELIEF OF TOM RYAN.

AN ACT for the relief of Tom Ryan, of Ellensburg, Washington, appropriating money for same from the accident and medical aid funds under the industrial insurance and medical aid acts, and providing for the issuance of warrants upon said accident and medical aid funds for his case.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the Class Eleven (11) Accident Fund in the state treasurer's office under the industrial insurance act, the sum of one thousand thirty dollars (\$1,030), for the relief of and to be paid to Tom Ryan of Ellensburg, Washington, who was injured December 2, 1920, while in the course of his employment as a laborer for Carter Transfer Company of Ellensburg, Washington, and whose claim was being paid by the industrial insurance commission pursuant to an order made July 22, 1919, attempting to bring operations such as this workman was engaged in under the industrial insurance act, but upon which claim payment was stopped on account of the decision of the state supreme court in the case of State vs. Eyres Storage & Distributing Co., 115 Wash., 682, and which sum of one thousand thirty (\$1,030) dollars would have been the final time loss and permanent disability award if said claim were finally paid by said industrial insurance commission.

Appropriation from accident fund \$1,030.00.