

CHAPTER 134.

[S. B. 182.]

WASHINGTON STATE PROGRESS COMMISSION.

AN ACT creating a Washington State Progress Commission; defining its powers and duties, providing a method for publication and advertising of the state's natural resources and advantages; providing for the semicentennial celebration of statehood, providing for participation in the Golden Gate International Exposition, providing for participation in the New York World's Fair, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Washington State Progress Commission, hereinafter called the Commission, of seven members to be appointed by the Governor from among the qualified electors of the State of Washington. Three members shall be appointed for terms of one year, two for terms of two years and two for terms of three years from the date of their appointment and at the expiration of the respective terms as herein designated all appointments shall be for terms of three years. Each member of the Commission shall hold office until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term in which a vacancy occurs. Members of the Commission shall be removable at the pleasure of the Governor. They shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, such reimbursement to be by warrant of the State Auditor upon itemized vouchers certified and approved by the chairman of the Commission.

Commission created.

Members.

Terms of office.

Vacancies.

To serve without compensation.

SEC. 2. The Commission upon the appointment of the members thereof shall meet at the state capitol and organize by the election as chairman of

Organization of commission.

one of the two members appointed for one-year terms and each year thereafter the chairmanship shall be rotated among the members by the Commission selecting its chairman for the ensuing year from the two members whose terms of office will regularly expire earliest. All official meetings of the Commission shall be held at the state capitol.

Official meetings held at state capitol.

Duties and powers.

SEC. 3. The Washington State Progress Commission shall have the power and it shall be its duty, with the approval of the Governor:

(a) To assume charge and supervision of advertising and publicity for the State of Washington, other than that carried or planned by the various departments or other political subdivisions within the state;

(b) To formulate, supervise and carry out a continuous factual information program for the promotion of the state as an ideal region for tourists, permanent residents, and a most favorable field for investment, enterprise and future development;

(c) To assemble such data, statistics, information, and exhibits as will publicize and popularize the advantages of the state and to cause such data, statistics, information, and exhibits to be published and disseminated in such manner as the Commission may deem expedient;

(d) To arrange for a suitable celebration in 1939 commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of the State of Washington into the union of states;

(e) To arrange for the formal participation by the State of Washington in the prospective Golden Gate International Exposition of the State of California;

(f) To arrange for the formal participation by the State of Washington in the New York World's Fair for 1939;

(g) To appoint and employ a secretary and such other assistants and personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to carry out the powers and duties imposed upon it by this Act and to fix their compensation.

SEC. 4. The secretary shall keep a record of all its proceedings and of all collections and disbursements made by the Commission. He shall maintain the permanent offices of the Commission at the state capitol. Records.

SEC. 5. The Commission shall on or before December 31, 1937, and every two years thereafter, prepare and submit to the Governor and to each member of the Legislature a detailed report of its activities during the preceding biennial period, incorporating therein such suggestions and recommendations as the Commission shall deem necessary or advisable in order to better effectuate the purposes of this act. Biennial report.

SEC. 6. For the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated to the Washington State Progress Commission for the period ending March 31, 1939, out of any monies not otherwise appropriated in the general fund, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or so much thereof as shall be found necessary. Appropriation.

SEC. 7. In case any part or portion of this act shall be held unconstitutional such holding shall not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part or portion of this act not adjudged unconstitutional. All acts in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Partial invalidity.
Conflicting acts repealed.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1937.

Passed the House March 8, 1937.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1937.