

CHAPTER 195.

[S. B. 205.]

COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION.

AN ACT to facilitate the cooperation of this state with other units of government, establishing the Washington Commission on Interstate Cooperation for that purpose, making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a Commission, to be officially known as the Washington Commission on Interstate Cooperation, which shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Governor, and which shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor.

Commission
on
interstate
cooperation.

SEC. 2. It shall be the function of this Commission:

(1) To carry forward the participation of this state as a member of the Council of State Governments;

Purposes
and duties.

(2) To encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative and judicial officials and employees of the state to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence, by conference and otherwise with officials and employees of the other states, of the Federal government and of local units of government;

(3) To endeavor to advance cooperation between this state and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for, and by facilitating (a) the adoption of compacts, (b) the enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes, (c) the adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules and regulations, (d) the informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another, (e) the personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one another, individually, (f) the interchange and clearance of

research and information, and (g) any other suitable endeavors.

(4) To do all such acts as will, in the opinion of this Commission, enable this state to cooperate effectively with the various state governments in the United States and in assisting the Council of State Governments for that purpose.

Committees.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall establish such delegations and committees as it deems advisable, in order that they may confer and formulate proposals concerning effective means to secure inter-governmental harmony, and may perform other functions for the Commission in obedience to its decisions, subject to the approval of the Commission. The member or members of each such delegation or committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the Commission. The Commission may provide such other rules as it considers appropriate concerning the membership and the functioning of any such delegation or committee. The Commission may provide for advisory boards for itself and for its various delegations and committees.

Rules.

Reports.

SEC. 4. The Commission shall report to the Governor and to the Legislature within fifteen (15) days after the convening of each regular legislative session, and at such other times as it deems appropriate.

SEC. 5. The Council of State Governments is hereby declared to be a joint governmental agency of this state and of the other states which cooperate through it.

Chairman.
Secretary.

SEC. 6. The Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary, and is hereby vested with power and authority to retain and fix the compensation of such clerical assistants as may be necessary to enable the Commission to discharge the duties imposed upon it by this act.

SEC. 7. Each member of said Commission shall receive a salary of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per

annum: *Provided*, That should the Governor appoint any elected state officer or other state official on said Commission, said officer or official shall receive as compensation for the extra duties imposed by this act the difference between the salary provided herein and the salary provided by law for said officers or officials, and said elected state officer shall hold office and may not be removed from same until the Wednesday after the second Monday in January, 1949, unless said officers or officials resign from their elective office [offices]: *Provided*, That said state elected officers may be removed from the Commission in the manner now provided by law for the removal of each respective elected state officer. Thereafter, said state elected officers shall be appointed for a term of (4) years under the same terms and conditions provided herein.

Salary.

Removal of
elected
members.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of said Commission shall forthwith communicate the text of this measure to the Governor, to the Senate and to the House of Representatives of each of the other states of the Union, and shall advise each Legislature which has not already done so that it is hereby memorialized to enact a law similar to this measure, thus joining with this state in the common cause of reducing the burdens which are imposed upon the citizens of every state.

Notification
to other
states.

SEC. 9. There is hereby appropriated the sum of forty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$40,750) to carry out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 10. If any section or other portion of this act is held to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any other part or portion of this act not adjudged invalid. The Legislature hereby declares that all sections of this act are severable, and that it would have enacted such remaining sections if the invalid sections had not been included in this act.

Partial
invalidity.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 11. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 196.

[S. B. 224.]

HOMESTEADS.

AN ACT relating to homesteads and amending section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, as last amended by section 4, chapter 88, Laws of 1931 (section 528, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-21); section 4, chapter 64, Laws 1895, as last amended by section 2, chapter 193, Laws of 1927 (section 532, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-27); and section 24, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 (section 552, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-87).

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

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, as last amended by section 1, chapter 88, Laws of 1931 (section 528, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 50-21), is amended to read as follows:

Definition.

Section 1. The homestead consists of the dwelling house, in which the claimant resides, with appurtenant buildings, and the land on which the same are situated, and by which the same are surrounded, or land without improvements purchased with the intention of building a house and residing thereon, selected at any time before sale, as in this chapter provided.

Amendments.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 2, chapter 193, Laws of 1927 (section 532, Remington's Revised Statutes, also