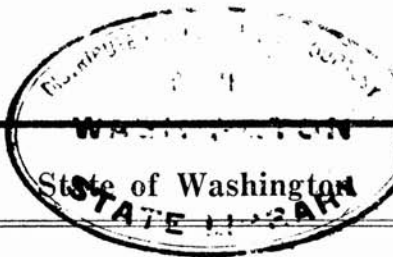


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PREFACE

As directed by the State Constitution, the Office of Secretary of State must send to each registered voter a copy of all measures which appear upon the general election ballot.

For this reason, many families will receive three or four copies of this pamphlet, depending upon the number of registered voters in each household. We appreciate that this is not an efficient method of distribution, but the State Constitution leaves us no other course.

If any citizen of the state or public spirited organization wish additional copies of this pamphlet, kindly direct your request to my office.

Belle Revere
Secretary of State



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Initiative Measure No. 157

BALLOT TITLE

AN ACT relating to Social Security and Unemployment Compensation; creating a Washington State Social Security Board and establishing a Washington State Social Security System; extending unemployment compensation benefits to include war veterans and certain governmental employees; enlarging, generally, the scope of unemployment benefits; liberalizing grants to the blind and senior citizens; directing a survey of cost and availability of medical care; prescribing duties of certain officers; defining certain terms; making an appropriation; repealing acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith and establishing effective dates.

AN ACT relating to social security; establishing Washington State Social Security Board; co-ordinating state and federal social security programs; authorizing compacts between state and local governments and federal government for payment of social security benefits; fixing rates of unemployment compensation weekly benefits and dependents' allowances; providing unemployment compensation weekly benefits and dependents' allowances and additional benefits to service personnel; providing maternity benefits; directing payment of unemployment compensation benefits to state and county employees and authorizing other agencies of state government to elect to pay unemployment compensation and other social security benefits; providing employer contribution rates and defining terms applicable to all laws relating to unemployment compensation; providing senior citizen and blind grants of not less than \$50 per month; fixing need at not less than \$75 per month; raising grants when additional federal matching funds available; requiring surveys of living costs and a survey of availability of medical care and need for state medical school; providing fair hearings, medical care, funeral expenses and other care for all recipients of public assistance; permitting suspension of operation upon adoption of

comparable federal social security program; making appropriation; repealing acts and parts of acts in conflict and establishing effective dates.

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the "Washington State Social Security Act of 1944."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Intent.* With the forces of the United Nations on the offensive, all our efforts and endeavors must be devoted to the achieving of Victory over Fascism in the shortest possible time. As part of the Victory effort it is the responsibility of the American people to make immediate provision for returning servicemen, and to guarantee for them, and for those who work and fight on the home front, adequate economic opportunity and security in the post war world. In order to accomplish these purposes, the people of the State of Washington declare:

(a) Their full support of the principles of the Wagner-Murray Dingell Bill, S. 1161, establishing a national system of employment offices, insuring the fullest utilization of the nation's man-power to win the war and secure economic stability after the war, providing social security, and insuring the worker, the farmer, the merchant seaman, the small businessman, the professional, and the returning serviceman against unem-

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ployment, sickness, disability, maternity, old age and death.

(b) Their intention of establishing a social security system for the State of Washington fully coordinating state and Federal social security programs, and by state action providing:

- (i) Increased unemployment compensation and dependents' allowances,
- (ii) Unemployment compensation to state and county employees and opportunity for employees of other subdivisions of state government to voluntarily join.
- (iii) Increased unemployment compensation for returning Washington servicemen and a program of rehabilitation and training for veterans.
- (iv) Maternity grants for women workers.
- (v) Increased Grants for Senior Citizens and the Blind.
- (vi) Medical and dental care for all public assistance groups.
- (vii) A survey of the medical needs of the people of Washington and of the possibility of establishing a system of pre-paid medical care and of creating a state medical school.

It is the intent of the people, in order to accomplish these purposes, that this act shall be liberally construed to secure to the people of Washington maximum benefits of social security under this act and to secure the fullest co-operation between state and federal agencies.

SEC. 3. Establishment of the Washington State Social Security System. There is hereby established the Washington State Social Security System, which shall consist of the following:

(a) A system of state-federal cooperation and co-ordination of social security, established under sections 4, 5 and 21 of this act, for the purpose of bringing to the people of the state the maximum benefits obtainable under the provisions of existing federal social security legislation and such legislation as may be enacted from time to time by Congress.

(b) A system of unemployment compensation under sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this act to provide unemployment compensation benefits for men and women engaged in public and private employment and for men and women from this state who are in the armed services of the nation.

(c) A system of rehabilitation and training for men and women from this state who are, or have been in the armed services, under section 10 of this act.

(d) A system of maternity benefits under section 11 of this act to provide benefits for expectant mothers in public or private employment.

(e) A system of Senior Citizen Grants and Blind Grants, hospital, medical, burial, and other benefits for senior citizens, dependent children, the blind and other persons eligible to receive public and general assistance under sections 17, 18, 19, 20 of this act.

(f) A survey of the cost and availability of medical care to the people of our state under section 22.

SEC. 4. Administration. The general administration of this act is hereby vested in the Washington State Social Security Board, hereinafter referred to as the "State Board," which shall consist of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the State Treasurer. The Commissioner of Unemployment Compensation and Placement, the Director of Social Security, and the Director of Health shall be members of the Board, without vote and in an advisory capacity only.

SEC. 5. Duties of the Washington State Social Security Board. The Washington State Social Security Board is authorized and directed:

(a) To provide for the general administration of social security in the State of Washington. Such administration shall be consistent with, and shall utilize to the greatest extent possible, the existing administrative facilities and organizations of the state and counties, and the several departments, divisions, and agencies of the state now administering Unem-

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ployment Compensation, Senior Citizen Grants, Aid to Dependent Children, Blind Grants, and Public and General Assistance, shall, under the direction and supervision of the State Board, continue to administer such programs.

(b) To select personnel under a merit system and to provide for the general administration of the provisions of sections 10 and 11 of this act, and of the provisions of any other sections of this act for which other administration is not provided.

(c) To enter into compacts and agreements with the Federal Social Security Board, or any other federal agency which may hereinafter supersede or exercise all or some of the present functions of the Federal Social Security Board, for the purpose of extending old age, survivors, disability or permanent disability benefits, medical or hospital insurance coverage, and unemployment compensation, to the employees of the State of Washington, or any of its subdivisions or agencies, or any municipal corporation, or to any other class or group of employees not otherwise provided for; such compacts may provide:

(i) That benefits, insurance coverage and unemployment compensation shall be provided to employees of the state, its political subdivisions, agencies, municipal corporations, districts and authorities on the same basis as to other employees.

(ii) That the state, its political subdivisions, agencies, municipal corporations, districts and authorities shall pay employers' contributions, and collect employee contributions not to exceed the rate paid by other employers or employees.

(iii) Such other provisions as may be required to effectuate the purposes of this act.

(d) To enter into compacts or agreements, upon such terms as may, in the judgment of the State Board, be necessary or desirable, with any municipal corporation, or any school,

fire, water, irrigation, drainage, port, public utility, housing or other district or authority, to bring the employees of such corporations, districts or authorities, within any of the provisions of this act, and to obtain social security for such employees under any of the systems of social security established under section 3 hereof.

(e) To enter into compacts and agreements with the Federal Social Security Board, or with any other federal agency which may hereinafter supersede or exercise all or some of the present functions of the Federal Social Security Board to receive, under such terms as may be determined to be satisfactory in the discretion of the State Board, federal matching funds to assist the state in carrying out the provisions of sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 of this act.

(f) To prepare, formulate and submit to the Federal Social Security Board, or other appropriate federal agency a state plan for assistance to needy individuals, at any time that a uniform state plan for such assistance may be required for the purpose of obtaining federal matching funds for public assistance programs, including such programs for which matching funds are presently available and such additional public assistance programs for which federal matching funds may be available under any federal law, or rules and regulations of the Federal Social Security Board or other appropriate federal agency. Such state plan shall in all respects meet federal requirements for matching funds. The preparation, formulation and submission of such plan shall include the power and duty to make reasonable and uniform rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the terms of this act, to the end that the administration of public assistance shall be uniform throughout the State of Washington.

(g) To establish uniform rules and regulations not inconsistent with the terms of this act, which shall be made available to the public, and to do any other act or thing neces-

