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CHAPTER 145

APPROPRIATIONS

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§ 1581. Form of appropriation bill

The general fund appropriation bill provided for in section 1664 shall be drawn so as to authorize the appropriation to be made to each department or agency of the State Government for each fiscal year of the biennium. Such appropriation shall provide specific amounts for personal services, capital expenditures and amounts for all other departmental expenses. Appropriations for the acquisition of property shall be in such detail under each department or agency as the Governor-elect or the Governor shall determine. Such appropriations shall not be segregated in greater detail than the major classes or projects for which they are expendable during each fiscal year of the biennium.

R.S.1954, c. 16, § 13; 1955, c. 130, § 1; 1957, c. 340, § 1; 1959, c. 33, § 9.

§ 1582. Handling appropriations

No appropriations to any state department or agency shall become available for expenditure until allotted upon the basis of the work program duly approved by the Governor and Council as provided.

R.S.1954, c. 16, § 19; 1957, c. 340, § 1.

§ 1583. Exceeding appropriations prohibited

No agent or officer of the State or any department or agency thereof, whose duty it is to expend money under an appropriation by the Legislature, shall contract any obligation on behalf of the State in excess of the appropriation. Whoever exceeds in his expenditure said appropriation shall not have any claim for reimbursement.

Any such agent or officer who shall violate this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, be fined a sum

equal to such excess of appropriation by him expended, and imprisoned for no longer than 11 months in the discretion of the court. All prosecutions under this section shall be by indictment and the fines inure to the State.

R.S.1954, c. 16, § 28; 1957, c. 340, § 1.

§ 1584. Construction and improvement appropriations carried over

All appropriations by the Legislature for the construction of buildings, structures, highways and bridges shall constitute continuous carrying accounts for the purposes designated by the Legislature in such appropriations. The State Controller is authorized to carry forward all such appropriations to the succeeding fiscal year, provided the construction shall have been begun by the letting of a contract or contracts or by actually starting the work during the year for which the appropriations were made. Any balance remaining after the completion of the object of the appropriations shall revert to the General Fund in the State Treasury or to the fund from which it was apportioned under existing provisions of law.

R.S.1954, c. 16, § 23; 1957, c. 340, § 1.

§ 1585. Transfer of unexpended appropriations

Any balance of any appropriation or subdivision of an appropriation made by the Legislature for any state department or agency, which at any time may not be required for the purposes named in such appropriation or subdivision, may, upon the recommendation of the department or agency head concerned and the State Budget Officer, be transferred by the Governor and Council, at any time prior to the closing of the books, to any other appropriation or subdivision of an appropriation made by the Legislature for the use of the same department or agency for the same fiscal year.

R.S.1954, c. 16, § 22; 1957, c. 340, § 1.

§ 1586. Transfer of funds generally

Whenever the Governor and Council shall find that the State or any of its departments, divisions or bureaus is incurring expense and using funds of the State in connection with the carrying on of the work of any board or commission which collects fees from the persons so supervised and licensed, including sala-

ries, travel and the expense of office equipment and supplies, they are authorized and empowered to transfer from any funds now or hereafter held by any such board or commission, such sums of money as shall reimburse the State or any department or bureau thereof for such expense so incurred, including a reasonable charge for office space, light and heat. Such sums so transferred shall be added to and become a part of the funds of the department, bureau or division incurring such expense.

R.S.1954, c. 78, § 2.