

HERE IS FULL TEXT OF MARKET COMMISSION MEASURE ON BALLOT

Important Bit of Proposed Legislation Aims at Reducing Spread Between Producer and Consumer.

Supporters of the market commission bill to be voted on by the people of Oregon in November believe that the passage of the measure would accomplish much good towards enabling producers to obtain fairer prices for their products. The text of the initiative measure is as follows:

(On Official Ballot, Nos. 320 and 321)
A MEASURE
To provide for the creation of the "State Market Commission" and the organization thereof; to define its duties and powers; to create the position of State Market Director; to define his duties and powers; to create the State Market Commission Fund; and to provide penalties for a violation of this act, to be submitted to the legal electors of the state of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular general election to be held November 2, 1920; proposed by initiative petition filed in the office of the secretary of state of the state of Oregon July 3, 1920.

The following is the form and number in which the proposed measure will be printed on the official ballot:

Initiative Bill—Proposed by Initiative Petition
Initiated by the State Taxpayer's League: President, Walter M. Pierce, La Grande, Oregon; Vice, President, C. L. Hawley, McCoy, Oregon; Vice-President, J. A. Westlund, Meadford, Oregon; Secretary-Treasurer, Robt. E. Smith, Title and Trust Co., Portland, Oregon.—**State Market Commission Act—Purpose:** To create a "State Market Commission," establishing the office of State Market Director, salary \$4,500 per annum, and secretary, salary \$3,500 per annum, defining duties and powers of commission to be to assist in economical distribution of products at fair prices, disseminate information concerning market conditions, encourage cooperation among producers, distributors and consumers, mediate disputes when requested, supervise markets and cooperative association, issue labels in certain cases, inspect products in storage, warehouses and common carriers, authorizing hiring attorney and other employees, providing for appropriation of \$50,000 to cover expenses through year 1922, and providing penalties for violation of the act.

220 Yes **Vote Yes or No**
221 No

A BILL
For an act to provide for the creation of the "State Market Commission" and the organization thereof; to define its duties and powers; to create the position of State Market Director; to define his duties and powers; to create the State Market Commission Fund; and to provide penalties for a violation of this act.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon
Section 1. There is hereby created the State Market Commission, a state organization for the following purposes, to-wit:

First. To act as advisor for producers, consumers and distributors, assisting them in economical and efficient distribution of any products at fair prices.

Second. To gather and disseminate impartial information concerning supply, demand, prevailing prices and commercial movements, including common and cold storage of any products.

Third. To promote, assist and encourage the organization and operation of cooperative and other associations and organizations for improving the relations and services among producers, distributors and consumers of any products, and to protect and conserve the interests of the producers and consumers of products.

Fourth. To foster and encourage cooperation among producers, distributors and consumers of any products in the interest of the general public.

Fifth. To foster and encourage the standardizing, grading, inspection, labeling, handling, storage and sale of any products.

Sixth. To act as a mediator when requested by either party or as an arbitrator when requested by both parties in any controversy or issue that may arise among producers, distributors and consumers of any products.

Seventh. To certify, for the protection of owners, buyers or creditors, when so requested, warehouse receipts for and products, varying quantities, qualities thereof, to take from any common or cold storage warehouse, whether privately or publicly, samples of any products, and to charge for such service fees sufficient to make the service at least self-supporting.

Eighth. To issue labels bearing the seal of the State Market Commission on request of the producer, packer, canner and distributor, for any products, for which state labels have not otherwise been authorized by law, under such rules and regulations as the director may deem necessary and to charge for such labels such fees as in the judgment of the State Market Director may be proper.

Ninth. To act on behalf of the consumers of any products in conserving and protecting their interests in every way.

Tenth. To improve, broaden and extend in every practicable way, the distribution and sale of any Oregon products throughout the markets of the world.

Eleventh. To promote in the interest of the producer, the distributor, and consumer, economical and efficient distribution and marketing of all or any agricultural, dairy and farm products produced, grown, raised, manufactured or processed within the state of Oregon, to assist municipalities, other political subdivisions, corporations or voluntary associations formed within the state of Oregon in establishing, organizing and administering retail and wholesale markets, and providing rules for their management and operation.

Twelfth. To gather, and disseminate, through a monthly bulletin, impartial information concerning the supply of, demand for, cost of production, of prevailing prices of, expenses

of distribution of, commercial movements in intra-state and interstate commerce of any products, including quantities thereof in common or cold storage.

Thirteenth. To supervise all cooperative associations existing under the laws of the state of Oregon and in this respect the State Market Commission is directed to require such associations to submit, and such associations shall submit, not less frequently than semi-annually, and as often as the State Market Commission may require, reports upon forms to be prepared by the State Market Commission which shall contain a complete statement of the business of such associations for the correction of and defects in respect to their organization or operation and in this respect to place before the directors, or members or stockholders thereof, such facts as the State Market Commission may determine should be submitted to them for consideration and action. All rules and regulations for government and general administration of public markets established by municipalities, or other public or private corporations or associations within the state of Oregon shall be submitted to the State Market Commission, and before the same shall become effective they shall bear the approval of the director under the seal of the State Market Commission.

Fourteenth. To keep the producers and consumers of the state of Oregon informed of the supply of, and demand for, and in what markets products can most advantageously be disposed of or purchased.

Fifteenth. To cooperate with the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture and with the officials of the Oregon Agricultural College, in the securing of information and the compilation of statistics and the dissemination of information provided to be obtained and disseminated in this act.

It shall be within the province of the state market director, hereinafter provided for, to determine and decide, when, where and at what extent, existing conditions render it necessary or advisable to carry out any or all the purposes of this act, except those provisions which are mandatory, and he is hereby granted power and authority to carry out any or all of said purposes.

Section 2.—This act shall be known as the "State Market Commission Act."

The following terms used in this act shall, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, be construed as follows:

The "Commission" shall be the State Market Commission.

The "Director" shall be the State Market Director himself personally or his duly appointed and authorized representative.

The word "products" shall refer to the agricultural, dairy and farm products produced, grown, raised, manufactured or processed within the state of Oregon.

The term "organizations of producers and distributors" shall include all corporations, societies, associations and organizations of producers or of producers and distributors, cooperative or otherwise, formed for the purpose of facilitating the marketing of any such products.

A "person" shall be understood to include individuals, partnerships, associations and corporations or their agents or employees.

When the singular is used the plural is also included. Whenever the masculine is used, the feminine and neuter are included.

Section 3. The State Market Commission shall consist of a governing body of one person, to be known as the State Market Director, hereinafter referred to as the director, who shall be appointed by the governor of the state of Oregon, and of a secretary to be appointed by the state market director, as hereinafter provided, and these two shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the State Market Commission and shall administer the provisions hereof, administer oaths certify to all official acts and deal proper acts to carry out any and all of the purposes hereof.

Section 4. The director is hereby vested with full power, authority and jurisdiction to do and perform any and all things which are necessary or convenient in the exercise of any power, authority or jurisdiction designated and conferred upon him under this act.

Section 5. The term of office of the director shall be four years, or until his successor be appointed by the governor, and the annual salary of the director shall be forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500.00). The first appointment of director shall be made upon this act becoming effective. The governor may remove the director and appoint his successor at his pleasure.

Section 6. The State Market Commission shall have a secretary who shall be appointed by the director and hold office at his pleasure, and shall perform such duties as he may prescribe. The annual salary of the secretary shall be thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3600.00).

Section 7. The State Market Commission shall have a seal bearing the inscription "State Market Commission of Oregon," which seal shall be affixed to all such instruments as the director shall require.

Section 8. The salaries of the director and secretary shall be paid monthly in the same manner as are the salaries of other state officers. The salary of compensation of all other persons holding office or employment under the director shall be fixed by the director and shall be paid monthly in the same manner as are the salaries of other state officers. All expenses of whatsoever nature incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be audited by the secretary of state and paid from the funds herein provided for in the same manner as other claims against the state are paid, after approval thereof by the director.

Section 9. The director shall not engage in any other business during his term of office, but shall devote his whole time, attention and ability to the duties of his office. The director shall not hold or own any stock or other interest whatsoever in any produce commission business.

Section 10. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated out of the money in the general fund in the

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