

Chapter 293

Receiving, Handling and Disbursing State Funds

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The appropriation provided in this section is in the nature of a continuing appropriation of the amounts paid in, and it is an appropriation made by law within the meaning of Ore. Const. Art. IX, §4. *Holmes v. Olcott*, (1920) 96 Or 33, 189 P 202.

Construing this section with former laws expending license fees and fines to provide for the propagation and protection of wildlife where no sum was specified, the appropriation became certain when the moneys were collected and turned over to the State Treasurer; and the authority to so expend moneys was a matter within the discretion of the legislature. *Id.*

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CASE CITATIONS: *State ex rel. Sprague v. Straub*, (1965) 240 Or 272, 400 P2d 229, 401 P2d 29.

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A claimant to recover funds arising from sale of escheated

property is entitled to recover interest after he has received a warrant and the same is indorsed "not paid for want of funds." *Young v. State*, (1900) 36 Or 417, 59 P 812, 60 P 711, 47 LRA 548.

The provisions of this section are valid, being germane to title of the amended Act. *State v. Holman*, (1933) 142 Or 339, 20 P2d 430.

This section is not an unconstitutional limitation upon the powers and duties of the State Treasurer under Ore. Const. Art. VI, §4. *Id.*

FURTHER CITATIONS: *Monteith v. Parker*, (1899) 36 Or 170, 174, 59 P 192, 78 ALR 768.

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CASE CITATIONS: *Eastern & Western Lbr. Co. v. Patterson*, (1928) 124 Or 112, 147, 258 P 193, 264 P 441.

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NOTES OF DECISIONS

1. Under former similar statute

(1) **In general.** The act of drawing a warrant on the treasury was a part of the act of auditing, and not a drawing of money from the treasury. *Shattuck v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 379, 49 P 758; *Croasman v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 445, 49 P 764.

A surety, for a contractor with the state, performing the contract on the principal's default had a right to settle accounts with the Secretary of State. *Derby v. U.S. Fid. & Guar. Co.*, (1917) 87 Or 34, 169 P 500.

Final payment to a highway contractor was not postponed until sworn proof that all debts incurred by him in the prosecution of his work were paid. *Oregon Sur. & Cas. Co., v. U.S. Nat. Bank*, (1931) 136 Or 573, 300 P 336.

In an action to recover salary for services as a county judge, the complaint was insufficient where it did not allege that plaintiff rendered any service for which payment had not been made in full, and a bare averment that plaintiff "assumed said office" did not show that the county became indebted to him, especially where plaintiff admitted that during the period for which he sought judgment he was incapable of discharging the duties of the office. *Fehl v. Jackson County*, (1945) 177 Or 200, 161 P2d 782.

(2) **Duties of Secretary of State.** A Secretary of State was responsible for good faith and ordinary care and competency, in carrying out the duties prescribed by the former statute. *State v. Chadwick*, (1879) 10 Or 525.

The Secretary of State was required to pass upon a claim without regard to whether the legislature had or had not appropriated money to meet it. *Shattuck v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 379, 49 P 758. Overruling *Brown v. Fleischer*, (1871) 4 Or 132.

There was a duty to audit a claim for services to the state where the nature and amount were definitely fixed and ascertained, and the compensation was regulated by law. *Shattuck v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 379, 49 P 758.

There was a duty to audit an unliquidated claim for supplies furnished to the state where the supplies were furnished pursuant to law. *Croasman v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 445, 49 P 764; *Irwin-Hodson Co. v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 478, 49 P 765.

Before auditing or drawing a warrant for a claim, the Secretary of State had to justify his act by some written law. *Boyd v. Dunbar*, (1904) 44 Or 380, 75 P 695.

The Secretary of State following an opinion of the Attorney General as to the validity of a claim was protected, even though the opinion was erroneous. *State v. Mott*, (1940) 163 Or 631, 97 P2d 950.

(3) **Effect of deciding claim.** The decision of the Secretary of State upon a claim presented to him for allowance was not conclusive upon rights of parties in a collateral proceeding nor was it a judicial determination. *State v. Brown*, (1882) 10 Or 215.

No account stated was constituted by the allowance of a claim presented to the secretary so as to preclude an inquiry as to its correctness, in an action by the state for a sum alleged to have been unlawfully allowed and paid through mistake. *Id.*

FURTHER CITATIONS: *Shattuck v. Kincaid*, (1897) 31 Or 379, 49 P 758.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Authority to issue "blanket warrant" for expenses in connection with the cruising of lands to be exchanged for and to be included in state forest reserve, 1920-22, p 104; payment of claim for sum appropriated by the legislature as refund of escheated property, 1934-36, p 376; auditing and drawing warrants in payment of purchases of liquor by the Liquor Control Commission for future delivery, the statutes containing such authorization being special and an exception from the general law, 1942-44, p 222; advancing funds received by state through federal grants or allotments to agencies conducting vocational schools to cover current expenses or otherwise in the absence of specific authority, 1942-44, p 460; effect of sale of state warrants at an execution sale, 1948-50, p 224; refund where wheat taxes overpaid, 1956-58, p 267; examination and allowance of claims, 1956-58, p 277; authority of Secretary of State to draw warrant where allocation made from Emergency Fund for circuit judges' travel expenses, 1958-60, p 297; authority of Secretary of State to designate fund out of which warrant is payable by machine code punch, 1958-60, p 418; disposition of warrant drawn on Judges' Retirement Fund and not paid at time of death, 1960-62, p 113.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Adequacy of Executive Department procedures for approval of claims, (1971) Vol 35, p 583.

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CASE CITATIONS: State ex rel. Overhulse v. Appling, (1961) 226 Or 575, 361 P2d 86.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Who may verify claim for indemnity, 1920-22, p 173; examination and allowance of claims, 1956-58, p 277; authority of Secretary of State to draw warrant where allocation made from Emergency Fund for circuit judges' travel expenses, 1958-60, p 297.

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Under former similar statute where the claim was not presented within the time specified in the statute, the secretary could not audit or approve it, even if it was a legal obligation of the state. Boyd v. Dunbar, (1904) 44 Or 380, 75 P 695.

FURTHER CITATIONS: State ex rel Overhulse v. Appling, (1961) 226 Or 575, 361 P2d 86.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Running of statute of limitations on claims under this section, 1920-22, pp 157, 586, 1928-30, p 581, 1932-34, p 428, 1938-40, p 370, 1944-46, p 131; examination and allowance of claims, 1956-58, p 277; authority of Secretary of State to draw warrant where allocation made from Emergency Fund for circuit judges' travel expenses, 1958-60, p 297.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Status of vouchers signed by the secretary of the State Highway Commission, 1950-52, p 234.

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CASE CITATIONS: Calbreath v. Dunbar, (1905) 46 Or 580, 81 P 366.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Refunding of money paid under unconstitutional statutes, 1930-32, p 34; refund of money paid to Public Utility Commissioner by railroads in excess of fee required on account of intrastate operations, 1930-32, p 243; authority to return fee to applicant for license to conduct a vocational school on denial of license, 1936-38, p 517; power of legislature to appropriate money by resolution, 1948-50, p 201; State Treasurer, after appropriation is exhausted, borrowing from General Fund pursuant to ORS 291.404, 1950-52, p 286; disbursing funds in General Fund, Milk Control Account, 1960-62, p 255; duty of State Treasurer to examine indorsements on state drafts, 1966-68, p 564.

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The treasurer is presumed to know what appropriations have been made, and he has no right to pay warrants unless drawn upon some specified fund or unless a statute provides otherwise. Brown v. Fleischner, (1871) 4 Or 132.

In the absence of appropriation, the treasurer has no authority to disburse funds. Shattuck v. Kincaid, (1897) 31 Or 379, 385, 49 P 758.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Payment of claim for sum appropriated by the legislature as refund of escheated property, 1934-36, p 376; duties with regard to payment for liquor purchased for Liquor Control Commission, 1942-44, p 344; authority of Secretary of State to designate fund out of which warrant is payable by machine code punch, 1958-60, p 418; disposition of warrant drawn on Judges' Retirement Fund and not paid at time of death, 1960-62, p 113; duty of State Treasurer to examine indorsements on state drafts, 1966-68, p 564.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Authority to make refund to persons who have remitted in error, or made overpayment, to the Liquor Control Commission, 1934-36, p 37; disposition of money received by State Health Officer from United States social security or other board, 1940-42, p 511; payments tendered for taxes received and treated as suspense items until the effective date of the Act, 1942-44, p 208; disposition by State Department of Agriculture of milk control equalization moneys and license and poundage fees, 1942-44, p 249; authority of Division of Vocational Education, Board of Education, to set up revolving fund in State Treasurer's office with funds provided by government in following procedure approved by U.S. Office of Education, to meet payroll claims for the war production training program, 1942-44, p 357; refund where wheat taxes overpaid, 1956-58, p 267; authority of State Board of Health to refund application fee, 1958-60, p 321; refund of fees paid to State Marine Board under mistake of fact, 1960-62, p 11; Insurance Commissioner's authority to refund tax, 1960-62, p 80; disbursing funds in General Fund, Milk Control Account, 1960-62, p 255; retaliatory taxes collected prior to 1958, 1960-62, p 263; use of unclaimed motor boat fuel tax refund, 1962-64, p 67; refund of commercial fishing license fees, 1962-64, p 70; authority to return registration renewal fee, 1962-64, p 194; refunding excess advanced, 1962-64, p 317; disposition of reserve for expenses and unclaimed funds due distributees held by Insurance Commissioner as statutory liquidator, 1964-66, p 252; applicability to Public Employees' Retirement System accounts, 1964-66, p 260; receiving and investing funds paid on state-owned mortgages, 1964-66, p 274; refunding barber license fees, 1964-66, p 312; authority of board in handling checks of applicants paid for fees, 1964-66, p 454; effect of excess income tax withholding on property tax relief surplus, 1966-68, p 25; distribution of cigarette tax money to cities and counties, 1966-68, p 62; refunds to insurance companies by Corporation Commissioner, 1966-68, p 259; authority of State Board of Engineering Examiners to refund examination fees, 1966-68, p 561; authority of State Marine Board to make refunds, 1966-68, p 581; refunding fees paid State Board of Pharmacy by licensee on military leave, (1968) Vol 34, p 11; refund of fees paid by foreign corporation because of error in Insurance Division instructions, (1970) Vol 35, p 165; emergency

clause in bill changing cigarette tax money distribution formula, (1971) Vol 35, p 556.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Listing check for refund of annual power fee refused and returned to State Engineer, 1946-48, p 14; applicability to Public Employees' Retirement System accounts, 1964-66 p 260.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Disposition of unclaimed money held for refund by state agencies, 1958-60, p 50; use of unclaimed motor boat fuel tax refund, 1962-64, p 67; applicability to Public Employees' Retirement System accounts, 1964-66, p 260.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Sufficiency of evidence that lost or stolen highway bond coupons have been destroyed in order that payment thereof may be safely made, 1920-22, p 148; reimbursement for premium paid for a surety bond in the case of a claim on account of a lost warrant, 1930-32, p 160; cause of action against bond given in connection with issuance of duplicate state warrant when original warrant has been presented and paid, 1934-36, p 85.

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This section protects the "true and lawful owner" of the warrant and cannot be invoked by one who bought the warrants which had already been paid. *Woodward v. School Dist. 73*, (1939) 163 Or 63, 94 P2d 136.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Disposition of funds of deceased patient of state mental hospital, 1962-64, p 72; application of patient's funds to expenses of last illness, 1964-66, p 65.

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CASE CITATIONS: *School Dist. 24J v. McCarthy*, (1966) 244 Or 379, 418 P2d 817.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Use of forest reserve rentals to reduce the county school fund levy, 1950-52, p 199; application of authority to transfer road funds to school fund, (1969) Vol 34, p 770.

LAW REVIEW CITATIONS: 4 WLJ 568, 569.

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ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Method of bookkeeping between state department and state treasury as not question of law, 1920-22, p 595; contract appointing attorneys to represent state in connection with claim against United States for expenses incurred in recruiting troops during Civil War, 1930-32, p 68; custody and disbursement of certain funds granted by Federal Government for use of certain state institutions, 1934-36, p 790.

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CASE CITATIONS: *State ex rel. Sprague v. Straub*, (1965) 240 Or 272, 400 P2d 229, 401 P2d 29.

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Constitutional prohibition against state subscribing to or being interested in stock of any company applies only to funds owned by state. *Sprague v. Straub*, (1969) 252 Or 507, 451 P2d 49.

ATTY. GEN. OPINIONS: Authority of World War Veterans' State Aid Commission to receive Home Owners' Loan Corporation bonds in payment of loans made to veterans, 1932-34, p 605; authority of State Land Board to purchase refunding issue of Oregon farm credit bonds for the irreducible school funds or the college funds, 1936-38, p 258; refunding dormitory bonds, 1938-40, p 227; investment in obligations of State Board of Higher Education, 1938-40, p 651; investing state funds in Stayton street improvement bonds, 1940-42, p 10; investing state trust funds or World War II Veterans' Bond Sinking Fund in Veterans' Compensation Bonds, 1950-52, p 286; conflict of interest in State Treasurer contract with mortgage service firm in which legislator has an interest, 1962-64, p 335; investment in land sale contracts, 1962-64, p 488; authorized investments for Oregon War Veterans' Fund, 1964-66, p 119; receiving escrowed funds paid on state-owned mortgages, 1964-66, p 274; authority to invest in certificates issued by a bank on FHA and VA mortgages, 1966-68, p 22; qualification of mutual funds for investments, 1966-68, p 309; authority to invest in convertible bonds, 1966-68, p 464; effect of 1967

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