

(1965). By action of the Governor a coordinator for economic opportunity programs in Wyoming was appointed (1965).

The Governor, as the state's chief budget officer, initiated centralization of the data processing activities of state agencies (1966).

The press secretary to the Governor was given the responsibilities of conducting research and coordinating public information emanating from agencies under the Governor's supervision (1967). The Wyoming Recreation Commission was created by statute and assigned the functions of the State Land and Water Conservation Commission, the State Parks Commission, and the Historical Sites Commission, all of which were abolished (1967). The position of Highway Safety Coordinator was established by the legislature to coordinate state highway safety activities and to provide state-federal liaison in this field (1967).

[Assembly bill No. 1072, California Legislature—1968 regular session]

Introduced by Assemblymen Ralph, Priolo, Brown, and Bill Greene, March 19, 1968. Referred to Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy.

*AN ACT to add Sections 135.3, 135.4, 135.5, and 135.6 to the Streets and Highways Code, and to add Section 37110.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to replacement housing*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 135.3 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read: "135.3. As used in Sections 135.4, 135.5, and 135.6:

"(a) 'Low-income individuals and families' means those persons who lack the financial ability and income necessary to obtain replacement housing.

"(b) 'Economically depressed area' means an area which the commission by resolution determines to meet all of the following criteria:

"(1) The state highway project is located in an area consisting principally of housing occupied by low-income individuals and families.

"(2) An adequate number of replacement housing units for low-income individuals and families is not available in the immediate area of the state highway project.

"(3) Relocation advisory assistance will be insufficient to place a majority of such individuals and families in replacement housing in the immediate area of the state highway project.

"(c) 'Replacement housing' means comparable single or multiple dwelling units which are decent, safe, and sanitary for low-income individuals and families."

SEC. 2. Section 135.4 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

"135.4. (a) As used in this section, 'relocation assistance' means, and shall be limited to, that assistance reasonably necessary to place low-income individuals and families who lack the financial ability and income to obtain replacement housing without relocation assistance, and who own and reside in housing in an economically depressed area and who are displaced because of the acquisition or clearance of right-of-way for a project on the state highway system, in replacement housing in the same relative economic ownership position as before displacement by transferring or exchanging their right, title, and interest in property required for state highway purposes for the right, title, and interest in replacement housing.

"(b) The department is authorized to provide relocation assistance to low-income individuals and families who own and reside in housing in an economically depressed area and who are displaced because of the acquisition or clearance of rights-of-way for a project on the state highway system, which project is located in an economically depressed area.

"(c) The department is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement this section. Such rules and regulations shall include provisions relating to:

"(1) The methods and priorities for placing such low-income individuals and families in replacement housing.

"(2) The standards for determining the relative economic ownership position of such low-income individuals and families before displacement.

"(3) The standards for determining which of such low-income individuals and families lack the financial ability and income necessary to obtain replacement housing without relocation assistance.

"(4) The procedure for transferring or exchanging right, title, and interest in property required for state highway purposes for the right, title, and interest in replacement housing."