

(3) Cause any person to do any of the foregoing acts for any of the foregoing purposes:

Shall be guilty of picketing.

Penalty.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall engage in picketing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Terms defined.

SEC. 3. The singular number when used in this act shall include the plural, and the word "person" shall include individuals, firms, partnerships, associations and corporations.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 4. An adjudication of invalidity of any part of this act shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1915.

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Approved by the Governor March 19, 1915.

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## CHAPTER 182.

[H. B. 78.]

### CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Amends  
Rem.-Bal.,  
§§ 4440,  
4444, 4447.

AN ACT relating to consolidated school districts, the election, powers and duties of directors thereof, the acquisition and disposition of property thereof, and amending sections 4440, 4444, and 4447 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 4440 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Submission to vote.

[Section 4440.] Upon receipt of a petition signed by five heads of families requesting the consolidation of two or more adjoining districts in the same county, the county superintendent shall call a special election of the voters of such school districts at some convenient place, by posting written or printed notices in like manner as is provided for calling annual school district elections, and said notices shall state the object for which the election is called.

Notice of special election.

If a majority of the voters of each district shall vote to consolidate, the clerk of each district so proposing to consolidate, shall within ten days after the election notify the county superintendent of the holding of and the result of the election and the county superintendent shall, immediately after receipt of said notice organize and establish a consolidated school district and when such consolidated district shall have been established no new district shall be established out of any portion thereof, or any portion thereof changed to another district within five years from such consolidation.

Establishment by county superintendent.

SEC. 2. That section 4444 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 4444. The county superintendent of any county in which new districts are formed by the uniting of ten [two] or more districts, or by the incorporating of any city or town lying partly in two or more school districts, shall upon being notified of such action by the board of directors of such new district, proceed to designate such new district by a number not the same as that of either component district or of any existing district, and to make a record of the boundaries thereof, and he shall certify such facts to the board of county commissioners, to the county treasurer, and to the clerk of the new district formed. The county superintendent shall also divide such consolidated district into three directors' districts which shall each comprise as nearly as possible one-third of the population of the consolidated district, and thereafter one director shall be elected from among the qualified electors of each such directors' district by the qualified electors of the consolidated district.

Designating consolidated district by new number.

Directors' districts.

SEC. 3. That section 4447 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 4447. When two or more school districts shall be united by the provisions of this act, the board of directors of the several districts shall, within thirty days thereafter, meet and organize the new board by the election of one of their number as president of the board. The board

Organization of board.

Election  
of clerk.

shall elect a clerk for said district, and the clerks of the several districts so united shall deliver to said clerk all books, papers and records belonging to their respective offices. The board may in its discretion require the superintendent, if there be one, of such consolidated district to act as clerk. The clerk of the new district thus formed shall immediately notify the county superintendent of the organization of the board of the new district.

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## CHAPTER 183.

[S. B. 162.]

### FUNDING MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED IN EXTENSION OR OPERATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT relating to cities, excepting cities of the first class, and towns authorizing the ratification, validation and funding of certain warrants issued for the construction, extension, maintenance and operation of public utilities, and the issue and disposal of bonds therefor, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Authority  
for ratifying  
and funding  
unauthorized  
indebtedness.

SECTION 1. Whenever any city, excepting cities of the first class, or town owning or operating any public utility mentioned in section 8005 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, shall have heretofore issued and has outstanding any warrants drawn upon any special fund or funds derived from the earnings of and maintained for such public utility, issued for any extension to, or betterment, or enlargement of the plant or system of such utility, or issued for the maintenance or operating expenses of such utility by reason of the fact that the funds derived from the earnings of such utility have been expended in constructing such extensions, betterments or enlargements, and the said extension to, bet-