

## CHAPTER 102.

[S. B. 153.]

## SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to school elections; authorizing an additional number of voting places, and amending section 1 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915, and section 3 (Sub.) chapter 13 of chapter 97 of the Laws of 1909, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915 (section 5021, Remington's Revised Statutes; section 5161 of Pierce's Code) is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The election of School District Directors shall, except as otherwise provided by law, be held on the first Saturday in March of each year, at the district school house, if there be one, or if there be none, or more than one, then at a place to be designated by the Board of Directors: *Provided*, That if a petition signed by not less than twenty-five per cent of the legal voters in any district asking that the date of the next annual election therein be changed, shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools not less than twenty days before such election, said superintendent shall fix a date within the first seven days of March, other than a Saturday, for the holding of such election and forthwith notify the clerk thereof and such election shall then be held upon the date so fixed in the manner and upon the notice that other like elections are held. Special school elections shall be called and conducted in the manner provided for calling and conducting annual elections. For convenience of the voters any board of directors of the second and third class school districts may establish a number of voting places not to

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Date.

Place.

Proviso.

Special  
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exceed the number of county voting precincts in such district.

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SEC. 2. Section 3 of (Sub.) chapter 13 of chapter 97 of the Laws of 1909 (section 5023, Remington's Revised Statutes; section 5163 of Pierce's Code) is amended to read as follows:

Election  
board to be  
appointed.

Section 3. The board shall appoint two judges and one clerk who are qualified electors of the district for each voting place. Should such Board of Directors fail in this duty, then at the hour fixed for opening the polls the electors present shall select two electors to act as judges of the election and one elector to act as clerk of the election, and the three selected shall constitute the election board; and no election shall be held unless an election board is so constituted and qualified. The judges and clerk aforesaid shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, severally take and subscribe an oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge the duties as such officers of election, said oath or affirmation to be administered by any school officer or any other person authorized to administer oaths. The judges shall, before they commence receiving ballots, cause to be proclaimed aloud at the place of voting that the polls are now open.

Proviso.

Duties of  
election  
board.

Oath.

Effective  
immediately.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1941.

Passed the House March 10, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1941.