

his successor is elected and qualified; from the other of these two commissioner districts a commissioner shall be elected to take office on the first day of January, 1953, to hold office for a term of six years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 4. Section 53.12.170, R.C.W., as derived from sections 2 through 7, chapter 133, Laws of 1935, is repealed.

[Rep. Rem. Supp. §§ 9691A-2 to 9691A-7 incl.]

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## CHAPTER 69.

[ H. B. 343. ]

### PORT DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to port district elections; providing for nomination and withdrawal of candidates for office of port commissioner, amending sections 53.12.030 and 53.12.040, R.C.W., and amending chapter 53.12, R.C.W., by adding thereto two new sections.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 53.12.030, R.C.W., as derived from section 2, chapter 39, Laws of 1921, is amended to read as follows:

Commissioners; how nominated in districts under 1,000 persons.

Nominations for port commissioners in a port district having a population less than one thousand shall be made by petition signed by a number of qualified voters equaling ten per cent or more of the qualified voters residing in the district.

[Am. R.R.S. § 9703.]

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 53.12.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 5, chapter 53, Laws of 1923, and section 2, chapter 62, Laws of 1913, is amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in the preceding section, port commissioners shall be nominated by petition signed by one hundred electors of the commissioner district in which the candidate is a resident.

Other districts.

[R.C.W. 53.12.040 is derived from R.R.S. § 9690.]

SEC. 3. Chapter 53.12, R.C.W., is amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

New section.

In all port districts, petitions to nominate candidates for general elections shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than forty-five days prior to the date of the election; petitions to nominate candidates at an election for the formation of a port district shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than twenty days prior to such election.

Petitions filed with auditor.

When.

SEC. 4. Chapter 53.12, R.C.W., is amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Any person nominated for the office of port commissioner may file notice of withdrawal of his nomination with the county auditor within five days after the last day for filing nomination petitions, whereupon his nomination shall be void.

Withdrawal of nomination.

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## CHAPTER 70.

[ H. B. 402. ]

### CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to elections in cities, towns and districts, and providing for consolidation of precincts, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. At any primary, regular, or special city or town election, and at any regular or special

City or town election.