

CHAPTER 68.

[H. B. 13.]

IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to irrigation district elections; and amending section 2, chapter 171, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1961, and RCW 87.03.075; amending section 15, page 679, Laws of 1890, as last amended by section 9, chapter 138, Laws of 1923 and RCW 87.03.200; and amending section 49, page 695, Laws of 1890, as last amended by section 33, chapter 129, Laws of 1921 and RCW 87.03.565.

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

RCW 87.03.075 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 171, Laws of 1941, as amended by section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1961, and RCW 87.03.075 are each amended to read as follows:

Irrigation districts. Ballots in all elections—Declaration of candidacy—Petition of nomination, when election not required.

Voting in an irrigation district shall be by ballot. Ballots shall be of uniform size and quality, provided by the district, and for the election of directors shall contain only the names of the candidates who have filed with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination as hereinafter provided, not less than twenty days before the day of the election. Ballots shall contain space for sticker voting or for the writing in of the name of an undeclared candidate. A person filing a declaration of candidacy, or petition of nomination as hereinafter provided, shall designate therein the position for which he is a candidate. No ballots on any form other than the official form shall be received or counted.

In any election for directors where the number of votes which may be received will have no bearing on the length of the term to be served, the candidates for the position of director, in lieu of filing a declaration of candidacy hereunder, shall file with the secretary of the district a petition of nomination

signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, or of the division if the district has been divided into director divisions, not less than twenty days before the day of election. If, after the expiration of the date for filing petitions of nomination, it appears that only one qualified candidate has been nominated thereby for each position to be filled it shall not be necessary to hold an election, and the board of directors shall within fifteen days after expiration of the date for filing petitions of nomination declare such candidate elected as director. The secretary shall immediately make and deliver to such person a certificate of election signed by him and bearing the seal of the district. The procedure set forth in this paragraph shall not apply to any other irrigation district elections.

SEC. 2. Section 15, page 679, Laws of 1890, as last amended by section 9, chapter 138, Laws of 1923 and RCW 87.03.200 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 87.03.200 amended.

At such election shall be submitted to the electors of said district possessing the qualifications prescribed by law the question of whether or not the bonds of said district in the amount and of the maturities determined by the board of directors shall be issued. Bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be serial bonds payable in gold coin of the United States in such series and amounts as shall be determined and declared by the board of directors in the resolution calling the election: *Provided*, That the first series shall mature not later than ten years and the last series not later than forty years from the date thereof: *Provided further*, That bonds, authorized by a special election held in the district under the provisions of a former statute, which has subsequent to said authorization been amended, but not issued prior to the amendment of

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said former statute, may be issued in the form provided in said former statute, and any such bonds heretofore or hereafter so issued and sold are hereby confirmed and validated.

Notice of such bond election must be given by publication of such notice in some newspaper published in the county where the office of the board of directors of such district is required to be kept, once a week for at least two weeks (three times). Such notices must specify the time of holding the election, and the amount and maturities of bonds proposed to be issued; and said election must be held and the results thereof determined and declared in all respects as nearly as practicable in conformity with the provisions of law governing the election of the district officers: *Provided*, That no informality in conducting such election shall invalidate the same, if the election shall have been otherwise fairly conducted. At such election the ballots shall contain the words "Bonds Yes" and "Bonds No," or words equivalent thereto. If a majority of the votes cast are cast "Bonds Yes," the board of directors shall thereupon have authority to cause bonds in said amount and maturities to be issued. If the majority of the votes cast at any bond election are "Bonds No," the result of such election shall be so declared and entered of record; but if contract is made or is to be made with the United States as in RCW 87.03.140 provided, and bonds are not to be deposited with the United States in connection with such contract, the question submitted at such special election shall be whether contract shall be entered into with the United States. The notice of election shall state under the terms of what act or acts of congress contract is proposed to be made, and the maximum amount of money payable to the United States for construction purposes exclusive of penalties and interest. The ballots for such election shall contain the words

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“Contract with the United States Yes” and “Contract with the United States No,” or words equivalent thereto. And whenever thereafter said board, in its judgment, deems it for the best interest of the district that the question of issuance of bonds for said amount, or any amount, or the question of entering into a contract with the United States, shall be submitted to said electors, it shall so declare, by resolution recorded in its minutes, and may thereupon submit such question to said electors in the same manner and with like effect as at such previous election. All bonds issued under this act shall bear interest at such rate not exceeding six percent per annum as the board of directors may determine, payable semiannually on the first day of January and July of each year. The principal and interest shall be payable at the office of the county treasurer of the county in which the office of the board of directors is situated, or if the board of directors shall so determine at the fiscal agency of the state of Washington in New York City, said place of payment to be designated in the bond. Said bonds shall be each of the denomination of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars; shall be negotiable in form, signed by the president and secretary, and the seal of the district shall be affixed thereto. The county treasurer shall register said bonds before the issuance thereof in a book kept for that purpose, and shall certify on each thereof under his seal that it has been so registered, and that the signatures thereon are the genuine signatures of the president and secretary respectively and that the seal attached is the seal of the district. Whenever the electors shall vote to authorize the issuance of bonds of the district such authorization shall nullify and cancel all unsold bonds previously authorized, and if the question is submitted to and carried by the electors at the bond election, any

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bond issue may be exchanged in whole or in part, at par, for any or all of a valid outstanding bond issue of the district when mutually agreeable to the owner or owners thereof and the district, and the amount of said last bond issue in excess, if any, of that required for exchange purposes, may be sold as in the case of an original issue. The bonds of any issue authorized to be exchanged in whole or in part for outstanding bonds shall state on their face the amount of such issue so exchanged, and shall contain a certificate of the treasurer of the district as to the amount of the bonds exchanged, and that said outstanding bonds have been surrendered and canceled: *Provided further*, That where bonds have been authorized and unsold, the board of directors may submit to the qualified voters of the district the question of canceling said previous authorization, which question shall be submitted upon the same notice and under the same regulations as govern the submission of the original question of authorizing a bond issue. At such election the ballots shall contain the words "Cancellation Yes," and "Cancellation No," or words equivalent thereto. If at such election a majority of the votes shall be "Cancellation Yes," the said issue shall be thereby canceled and no bonds may be issued thereunder. If the majority of said ballots shall be "Cancellation No," said original authorization shall continue in force with like effect as though said cancellation election had not been held: *Provided*, That bonds deposited with the United States in payment or in pledge may call for the payment of such interest not exceeding six percent per annum, may be of such denominations, and call for the repayment of the principal at such times as may be agreed upon between the board and the secretary of the interior.

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Each issue shall be numbered consecutively as issued, and the bonds of each issue shall be num-

bered consecutively and bear date at the time of their issue. Coupons for the interest shall be attached to each bond, signed by the president of the board and the secretary. The signatures of the president and secretary may, however, appear by lithographic facsimile. Said bonds shall express upon their face that they were issued by authority of this act, stating its title and date of approval, and shall also state the number of issue of which such bonds are a part. The secretary shall keep a record of bonds sold, their number, the date of sale, the price received and the name of the purchaser. In case the money received by the sale of all bonds issued be insufficient for the completion of plans of the canals and works adopted, and additional bonds be not voted, or a contract calling for additional payment to the United States be not authorized and made, as the case may be, it shall be the duty of the board of directors to provide for the completion of said plans by levy of assessments therefor. It shall be lawful for any irrigation districts which have heretofore issued and sold bonds under the law then in force, to issue in place thereof an amount of bonds not in excess of such previous issue, and to sell the same, or any part thereof, as hereinafter provided, or exchange the same, or any part thereof, with the holders of such previously issued bonds which may be outstanding, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the board of directors of the district and the holders of such outstanding bonds: *Provided*, That the question of such reissue of bonds shall have been previously voted upon favorably by the legally qualified electors of such district, in the same manner as required for the issue of original bonds, and the said board shall not exchange any such bonds for a less amount in par value of the bonds received; all of such old issue in place of which new bonds are issued shall be

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destroyed whenever lawfully in possession of said board. Bonds issued under the provisions of this section may, when so authorized by the electors, include a sum sufficient to pay the interest thereon for a period not exceeding the first four years. Whenever an issue of bonds shall have been authorized pursuant to law, and any of the earlier series shall have been sold, and the later series, or a portion thereof, remain unsold, the directors may sell such later series pursuant to law, or such portion thereof as shall be necessary to pay the earlier series, or said directors may exchange said later series for the earlier series at not less than the par value thereof, said sale or exchange to be made not more than six months before the maturity of said earlier series and upon said exchange being made the maturing bonds shall be disposed of as hereinbefore provided in the case of bonds authorized to be exchanged in whole or in part for outstanding bonds.

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amended.

SEC. 3. Section 49, page 695, Laws of 1890, as last amended by section 33, chapter 129, Laws of 1921 and RCW 87.03.565 are each amended to read as follows:

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districts.
Adding lands
to—Notice of
petition—Con-
tents—Service.

The secretary of the board of directors shall cause a notice of the filing of such petition to be published in the same manner and for the same time that notice of special elections for the issue of bonds are required by this chapter to be given. The notice shall state the filing of such petition and the names of the petitioners, a description of the lands mentioned in said petition, and the prayer of said petition, and it shall notify all persons interested in or that may be affected by such change of the boundaries of the district to appear at the office of said board at a time named in said notice, and show cause in writing, if any they have, why the change in

the boundaries of said district, as proposed in said petition, should not be made. The time to be specified in the notice at which they shall be required to show cause shall be the regular meeting of the board next after the expiration of the time for the publication of the notice. The petitioners shall advance to the secretary sufficient money to pay the estimated costs of all proceedings under this chapter.

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Passed the Senate March 11, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1963.

CHAPTER 69.

[H. B. 18.]

ANTWERP MESSENGER OR RACING PIGEONS.

AN ACT relating to the Antwerp Messenger or Racing Pigeon; prohibiting the shooting, killing, maiming, injuring, molesting, entrapment or detention of said pigeons; and providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than the owner thereof or his authorized agent, to knowingly shoot, kill, maim, injure, molest, entrap, or detain any Antwerp Messenger or Racing Pigeon, commonly called "carrier or racing pigeons", having the name of its owner stamped upon its wing or tail or bearing upon its leg a band or ring with the name or initials of the owner or an identification or registration number stamped thereon.

Unlawful to maim or kill racing pigeons, when.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person other than the owner thereof or his authorized agent to remove or alter any stamp, leg band, ring, or other mark of identification attached to any Antwerp Messenger or Racing Pigeon.

Unlawful to alter, remove identification on pigeons, when.