

bonds or securities pledged by such bank or trust company as a depository of public funds.

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CHAPTER 187.

[H. B. 342.]

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to the formation, maintenance and dissolution of county school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever a petition signed by qualified electors of any county in which there is but one high school or one high school district, equal in number to ten per cent of the total number of votes cast in such county at the last preceding general election for state and county purposes, praying for the formation of a school district for the county as an entirety, shall be filed with the county superintendent of schools, such superintendent shall immediately submit to the state superintendent a copy of such petition without signatures and the county superintendent and the state superintendent shall report in writing to the board of county commissioners of such county their respective approval or disapproval of such petition, within sixty days from the date of the filing of the same.

Petition for formation.

Superintendents approval or disapproval.

SEC. 2. If both the county superintendent and the state superintendent shall have approved such petition, the board of county commissioners shall submit to the qualified electors of such county at the next general election to be held in such county for state and county purposes the question of the for-

Proposition submitted at general election.

mation of a county school district in the following form:

Shall a county school district be formed in
CountyYes

Shall a county school district be formed in
CountyNo

Special election.

Provided, That if such petition shall be filed more than six months prior to the date of holding a general state and county election, the board of county commissioners may submit said question to a vote of the electors of the county at a special county election to be called in the manner provided by law for that purpose. If a majority of the voters of such county shall at said election, either special or general, vote in favor of the formation of such county school district the county auditor shall immediately upon the canvass of the returns of such election notify the county superintendent of the holding and the result thereof and the county superintendent shall immediately upon receipt of such notice, certify and enter of record the formation of such county school district, to be designated as the “..... County School District”.

Formation entered of record.

Board of Directors.

Appointed by county superintendent of schools.

Election of directors.

SEC. 3. The board of directors of such county school district shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be a resident of each of the county commissioners’ districts, as provided for such county. The members who shall constitute such board of directors upon the formation of such county school district shall be appointed by the county superintendent of schools with the approval of the board of county commissioners, and such members shall hold office until the second Monday in January after the next succeeding general election held in such county. At such next succeeding general election there shall be elected by the voters of such county, from each of the commissioners’ districts of such county, one director who shall be nominated

and elected upon a non-partisan ballot, in the same manner as judges are nominated and elected and who shall hold office for the same term and period of time as the county commissioner for his district shall, and thereafter such director shall be elected in the aforesaid manner at the same time and for the same terms of office as the county commissioners of such county are elected.

Terms.

SEC. 4. The board of directors shall within ten days after having been appointed, meet and organize by electing one of their number president of the board and selecting their clerk, for such county school district and the president and clerk so chosen shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be elected and qualified and the election of president and clerk shall occur thereafter at the first meeting of such board after the second Monday in January following each general election.

Organization of board.

SEC. 5. The clerk of such county school district shall within ten days after the organization of the district by the election of president and clerk, notify the county superintendent of the organization of said district and the county superintendent shall also within ten days after receiving notice of the organization of the district, notify the county treasurer and county auditor of the fact of its organization, together with the names of the directors and clerk.

Clerk to notify superintendent.

SEC. 6. From and after the completion of the organization of such county school district the directors and clerk shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of like officers for school districts of the second class except insofar as may be otherwise provided in this act.

Powers and duties of directors and clerk.

SEC. 7. All schools being conducted at the time of the completion of the organization of such county school district shall continue to be conducted by the school district having supervision thereof until the

Existing schools to continue.

close of the current fiscal year and from and after the close of such current fiscal year all schools in such county shall be conducted by such county school district and not otherwise.

Powers of district.

SEC. 8. Immediately upon the completion of the organization of the county school district, such district may proceed to acquire property and equipment necessary for the conduct of schools in such county, from and after the beginning of the next fiscal year. All laws relating to consolidated school districts shall apply to such county school districts except where inconsistent with the other provisions of this act.

Laws relating to consolidated districts to govern.

County superintendent.

SEC. 9. The board of directors of such county school district shall appoint a superintendent at such salary as they may fix and the elective county superintendent shall be eligible to such appointment.

Columbia River district.

SEC. 10. This act shall not apply to any county bordering on the Columbia River.

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CHAPTER 188.

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PERMANENT HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to public highways, and amending Section 6781 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

Amends.
§ 6781, Rem.
Comp. Stat.

SECTION 1. That section 6781 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 217 of the Laws of 1927, be amended to read as follows: