

CHAPTER 183.

[S. B. 84.]

OFFICERS OF FOURTH CLASS CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT relating to fourth-class cities and towns and the officers thereof; and amending sec. 144 of chapter VII (7), Laws of 1889-90, as amended by chapter 91, Laws of 1941.

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

SECTION 1. That section 144 of chapter VII (7), Laws of 1889-90 (section 9165 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 827 of Pierce's Code), as amended by chapter 91, Laws of 1941, be amended to read as follows: Amendments.

Section 144. The Mayor, members of the Council and Treasurer shall be elected by the qualified electors of said town at the general municipal election to be held therein on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December in each year. The Treasurer shall hold office for the period of four years from and after the second Tuesday in January next succeeding the date of such election and until his successor is elected and qualified. Date of election.

The Mayor shall hold office for a period of four years and the members of the Council shall hold office for the period of two years from and after the second Tuesday in January next succeeding the day of such election and until their successors are elected and qualified. Term of treasurer.

Provided, That the first Council elected under the provisions of this act shall at their first meeting so classify themselves by lot as that three (3) of their number shall go out of office at the expiration of one (1) year and two (2) at the expiration of two (2) years. Terms of mayor and councilmen.

The Mayor shall appoint a Marshal, Police Justice and Clerk. The City Council may provide by ordinance for the appointment by the Mayor of an Attorney, Poundmaster, Superintendent of Streets, a Civil Engineer and such Police and other subordinate officers as in the judgment of the City Previso.

Appointive officers.

Council may
fix com-
pensation.

Council may be deemed necessary and may by ordinance fix their compensation. No appointment of any officer provided for herein shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council. All officers appointed by the Mayor as provided for in this act shall hold office during his pleasure.

Nomination
by caucus.

Any such city is authorized by ordinance of its City Council to provide for the nomination of candidates to be elected at the general city election by a caucus to be held therein. Notice of such caucus shall be given by posting and publication of at least

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ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the holding thereof, and the caucus shall be held, in such manner as shall be determined by ordinance of the City Council. The only purpose of this amendment and re-enactment is to make it clear that the provisions of chapter 87, Laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 108, Laws of 1941, shall control with respect to the terms of office of the Mayor and Treasurer, and that the enactment of chapter 91, Laws of 1941, was not intended to modify or change the provisions of chapter 108, Laws of 1941, in that respect, nor is it intended by the reenactment of the provisions with respect to the date of holding elections and taking office to change the dates of holding elections or taking office which may have heretofore been made applicable thereto by laws previously enacted.

Purpose of
amendment.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1943.

Passed the House March 10, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1943.