

previous calendar month, with a certificate of the cause of death, and such correlative facts as the board may require, in the blank forms to be provided and furnished by the county auditor.

Passed the house February 14, 1895.

Passed the senate February 27, 1895.

Approved March 4, 1895.

CHAPTER XXVII.

[S. B. No. 312.]

AUTHORIZING CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS TO AMEND THEIR CHARTERS.

AN ACT to authorize cities of the first class to alter, change, revise, add to or repeal their respective charters.

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

Commission
to revise,
how created.

SECTION 1. Upon the petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors, as shown by the last general city election, of any city of the first class, the city council of said city shall, and without such petition the city council in joint session may, cause an election to be held, at which election there shall be chosen by the qualified electors of said [city] fifteen freeholders thereof, who shall have been residents of said city for a period of at least two years preceding their election, and qualified electors, whose duty it shall be to commence within ten days after their election, and within sixty days thereafter prepare a new charter for said city by altering, changing, revising, adding to or repealing their existing charter, together with any amendments thereto, and file the same with the city clerk.

Majority vote
to ratify.

SEC. 2. Such new, altered, changed and revised charter shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said city at an election to be immediately called therefor, and if a majority of such qualified electors voting thereon ratify the same, it shall become the charter of the said city, and shall become the organic law thereof and supersede any existing

charter, including amendments thereto, and all special laws inconsistent with said charter.

SEC. 3. Such proposed charter shall be published in two daily newspapers in said city for at least thirty days prior to the day of submitting the same to the electors for their approval as in section two hereof provided.

SEC. 4. All elections in this act authorized shall only be had upon notice, which notice shall specify the object of calling such election and shall be given for at least ten days before the day of election in all election districts of said city.

SEC. 5. Said elections may be general or special elections and, except as herein provided, shall be governed by the law regulating and controlling general or special elections in said city.

SEC. 6. All houses, boards or offices abolished or dispensed with by said altered, changed and revised charter, together with the emoluments thereof, shall cease to exist from and after the adoption of such altered, changed and revised charter; and any new offices created shall be filled by appointment of the mayor until the next general election and subject to such ratification and control by the city council as may be provided in such altered, changed and revised charter.

SEC. 7. There being great necessity of retrenchment and reform in city governments of the first class, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and, therefore, this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

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Passed the house March 1, 1895.

Approved March 4, 1895.