

CHAPTER 52.

[S. B. 229.]

PARTY NOMINATIONS AND CONVENTIONS.

AN ACT relating to, regulating and providing for the nomination of candidates for public office in the State of Washington, providing for the holding of elections to elect delegates to conventions, providing for the holding of county and state conventions by political parties, defining the powers and duties of conventions and party committees, providing for the election of party committeemen, amending sections 4804, 4807, 4809, 4810, 4811, 4826, 4843, and repealing section 4841 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4804 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 4804. The words and phrases in this act shall, unless the same be inconsistent with the context, be construed as follows:

(a) The word "primary," the primary election provided for in this act.

(b) The words "May caucus," the caucus held in May of 1916, and every even-numbered year thereafter, to elect delegates, by political parties to the various county conventions of such political parties.

(c) The words "September primary," the primary election held in September to nominate candidates to be voted for at the ensuing election.

(d) The word "election," a general or city election, as distinguished from a primary election.

SEC. 2. That section 4807 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 4807. The name of no candidate shall be printed upon the official ballot used at the September primary election, unless authorized by some other law of the state, unless at least thirty (30) days and no more than sixty

Amends
Rem.-Bal.
§ 4804, by
providing
for "May
caucus."

Construction
of terms.

Amends
Rem.-Bal.
§ 4807, by
requiring
statement
of party
affiliation.

(60) days prior to such primary, a declaration of candidacy shall be filed by him, as provided in this act, in the following form:

Declaration of candidacy.

State of Washington, }
County of } ss.

I,, being first duly sworn, say: Form.
That I reside at No. (city or town), county of, State of Washington, and am a qualified voter therein, and eligible to the office for which I am a candidate; that I affiliate with and am a member of the party, and believe in its principles; that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of to be made at the primary election, to be held on the day of September, 19 . . ., and hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot as provided by law as a candidate of the party, and accompany herewith the sum of \$, the fee required by law of me for becoming such candidate.

I further declare that, if nominated for said office I will accept said nomination and not withdraw, unless so authorized by my party committee, and I will qualify as such officer if nominated and elected. I further declare that I hereby accept and endorse generally the platform as heretofore adopted by the said party at its last state convention. If elected, I hereby agree to support generally the same, and endeavor to have enacted into law the principles therein enunciated.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 19 . . .

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(Certificate of official).

Provided, That no person who desires to become a candidate for office of supreme or superior court judge, shall certify his party affiliation, nor shall any other candidate who runs upon any nonpartisan ticket in any city or other

Judges and nonpartisan candidates excepted.

municipality where the charter or enabling act provides that the office is nonpartisan.

SEC. 3. That section 4809 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends
Rem.-Bal.
§ 4809.

Section 4809. Any political organization which at the general election last preceding the primary was represented on the official ballot by regular party candidates may upon complying with the provisions of this act have a separate primary election ticket as a political party: *Provided*, That any of its candidates received ten per cent. of the total vote cast as such last preceding general election in this state, or subdivision thereof in which the candidate seeks the nomination: *Provided further*, That such political party shall have held on or before the tenth day of June preceding said primary, a state convention in said state, at which convention said party shall have declared its political principles and its legislative program: *And provided further*, That a copy of such declaration of political principles and legislative program shall have been certified by the officers of such convention and filed with the secretary of state within ten days after the adjournment of such convention.

Party
primary
tickets.

Necessity of
adoption of
party
platform.

Filing plat-
form with
secretary
of state.

SEC. 4. (a) Hereafter, each political party of this state, entitled under the existing laws to participate in the September primaries, shall hold county and state conventions in May and June respectively of 1916, and each biennial year thereafter. The county conventions shall be held by each of said political parties upon the second Saturday after the second Tuesday of May, 1916, and biennially thereafter.

Convention
dates.

(b) Each county party committee at a meeting duly called and held not more than thirty (30) nor less than twenty (20) days before the holding of the May caucus, shall determine the hour and place of holding the county convention, determine the total number of delegates to be elected thereto, fix the basis of representation in each precinct, which basis shall be the same for each voting pre-

County
conventions.

cinct in said county, and determine the number of delegates from each voting precinct: *Provided*, That each voting precinct shall be entitled to at least one delegate. The said list, matters, and things herein provided for, shall thereupon be filed in the office of the county auditor, without charge, duly certified by the chairman and secretary of each party within two days after the holding of said meeting. Due notice of the time and place of holding the county convention shall be given through the press of the county by the county executive officers of each party and in addition thereto, the said notice shall be mailed to each delegate selected at the May caucus at least five (5) days before the holding of said convention.

Delegates.

Call.

(c) It shall be the duty of the state organizations of each of the political parties entitled to hold conventions under this act, to issue a call for their state conventions, specifying the time and place of holding the conventions, and which said call shall be issued not less than thirty (30) days before the holding of the May caucus by giving due notice thereof through the press, and by mailing a copy of said call to each state committeeman, and to the executive officer of each of the county organizations of that party, and to the county auditor of each county. The state committee, in its call, shall determine upon the total number of delegates to attend the state convention, and shall fix the basis of representation for, and the number of delegates from each county: *Provided, however*, That the basis of representation for each county shall be the same. The state conventions herein provided for shall be held on or before the tenth day of June, 1916, and biennially thereafter.

State conventions.

Call.

Delegates.

(d) In addition to the usual powers heretofore exercised by county conventions, each county convention shall select the number of delegates to the state convention provided for in the call of the state committee, and shall select one member of a state advisory platform committee.

Platform committee.

(e) It shall be the duty of the members of the advisory committee herein provided for, to meet at the place of hold-

Submission of advisory platform.

ing the state convention at 10 a. m. on the Monday preceding the holding of said state convention and shall hold public hearings and submit to the state convention an advisory platform.

Adoption of platform.

(f) It shall be the duty of the state conventions of each of the parties required to hold conventions as herein provided, to adopt a platform, and to make a clear and concise statement of its principles and its general legislative program. In addition thereto the said state conventions, shall have the powers and perform the duties heretofore and usually held and performed by state conventions; and shall elect the delegates to the national conventions in 1916, and each presidential year thereafter as provided for in the call of the national committee of said party; and shall have the power to nominate the presidential electors, to which the said state shall be entitled and the names of which said electors shall be printed under the party designation on the ballot to be used in the succeeding general election.

Delegates to national conventions.

Presidential Electors.

Choosing delegates to county conventions.

(g) The delegates to the various county conventions herein provided for shall be selected at a caucus held by each political party, on the second Tuesday of May, 1916, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with the provisions and method now provided by sections 4844, 4845, 4846, 4847, 4848, 4849, 4850, 4851, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4857, 4858, 4859, 4860, 4861, 4862, 4863, 4864, 4865, 4866, 4867 and 4868 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Proxies.

(h) No proxies shall be allowed in any conventions provided for in this act.

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 4810, by adding precinct committeeman.

SEC. 5. That section 4810 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 4810. All declarations of candidacy shall be filed as follows:

Filing declarations of candidacy.

First: For state officers, United States senators, representatives in Congress, and those members of the state legislature and judges of the superior court, whose dis-

trict comprises more than one county,—in the office of the secretary of state.

Second: For officers to be voted for wholly in one county, in the office of the county auditor of such county.

Third: For precinct committeemen of the various parties, in the office of the county auditor of such county.

Fourth: For city officers, in the office of the city clerk.

SEC. 6. That section 4811 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 4811, by providing for precinct committeemen.

Section 4811. First: At least twenty (20) days before any September primary the secretary of state shall transmit to each county auditor a certified list containing the name, postoffice address and party designation of each person entitled to be voted for at such primary, and the office for which he is candidate, as appears by the nomination papers filed in his office.

List of candidates certified.

Second: Each county auditor shall at least fifteen (15) days before the September primary, publish once under the proper party designation and title of each office, the names and addresses of all persons for whom nominations have been filed, insofar as the same shall affect the electors of his county, giving the date of the primary, the hours during which the polls will be open, and that the primary will be held in the regular polling place in each precinct; and shall cause to be posted, copies of such notice in at least three public places in each precinct in his county: *Provided*, That the names of all candidates for the office of supreme and superior court judges shall be published and posted in a separate list without party designation: *And provided*, That the names and addresses of the persons who have filed for precinct committeemen in the various precincts need not be published, but shall, however, be included in the lists herein provided to be posted.

Publication of list for September primary.

Posting filings for precinct committeemen.

SEC. 7. That section 4826 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 4826.

Section 4826. (a) The precinct committeemen of each party entitled to participate in the September primaries,

Election of
precinct com-
mitteemen.

shall be elected at the September primary. Any elector duly qualified to vote in his precinct may file without charge with the auditor, a declaration of candidacy for precinct committeemen with the party only with which he is affiliated, and for the election precinct in which he resides. Said filing shall be in all respects and follow the form provided in section 2 of this act and be governed by its provisions. The names of each candidate for precinct committeemen shall be printed upon the ballot provided for in section 4813 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, provided he has fully complied with this act with reference to the filing: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any voter from writing in on the ticket the name of one qualified elector of the precinct for member of the party county committee. The one having the highest number of votes, shall be such committeeman of such party for such precinct: *Provided*, That if any elector is elected on more than one ticket, he must file his declination of candidacy from all except one ticket with the auditor of his said county within five (5) days after the canvassing of the primary vote, otherwise the office will be deemed vacant: *And provided further*, That the auditor shall determine cases of ties as are provided by the primary election laws of this state. The county auditor shall certify to each party committee the names of the duly elected committeemen of that party.

Names may
be written
on ballot.

Auditor to
certify
elections.

County
and state
committees.

(b) The party committee of each county shall consist of the precinct committeemen from the several precincts of each county. The state committee shall consist of one committeeman from each county, elected by the county committee. The county committee shall meet for the purpose of electing the state committeeman, and for the purpose of organization, at the courthouse at the county seat of each county at two o'clock p. m. on the second Saturday after such primary election, unless some other time and place of such meeting shall be designated by the regular call of properly authorized officers of the retiring committee. The county auditor of the various counties shall

issue certificates of election to the said committeemen as is provided in the case of primary nominations.

(c) Each political organization shall have the power to make its own rules and regulations, call conventions, elect delegates to conventions, state and national, fill all vacancies on the ticket, provide for the nomination of presidential electors, delegate the whole or any part of its functions to duly authorized and elected committees, and perform all other functions inherent to such organizations, the same as if this act had not been passed: *Provided, however,* That no convention held under the provisions of this act shall have the power to recommend, endorse or declare a preference for any candidate for any office.

Party powers.

Indorsement of candidates prohibited.

SEC. 8. That section 4843 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal § 4843.

Section 4843. Nothing in this act contained shall prevent any voter from writing or pasting on his ballot or ballots the name of any person for whom he desires to vote for any office, and such vote shall be counted the same as if printed upon the ballot and marked by the voter, but no person, precinct committeemen alone excepted, receiving such votes written or pasted upon a primary election ballot shall thereby be nominated for any office or be entitled to have his name printed upon the ballot as a candidate at the general election unless he shall have complied with the provisions of the primary election law and filed his declaration of candidacy at least thirty days before such primary election, unless such candidate shall have been selected as such by a party convention in accordance with law or certified by a county or state central committee in accordance with law.

Posting or writing names on ballots.

Regularity of candidacy.

SEC. 9. That section 4841 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be hereby repealed.

Repeals Rem.-Bal. § 4841.

SEC. 10. All existing statutes or portions of statutes inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. If any section of this act should be held uncon-

Inconsistent acts.

Partial invalidity.

stitutional it shall in no wise affect the constitutionality of the remainder thereof.

Passed the Senate February 20, 1915.

Passed the House March 3, 1915.

Vetoed by the Governor March 9, 1915.

Passed over the Governor's veto March 10, 1915.

CHAPTER 53.

[S. B. 402.]

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS APPROPRIATION.

AN ACT relating to public highways and making an appropriation for the survey, construction and maintenance of state roads, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. For the survey, construction and maintenance of primary and secondary highways of the state, there is hereby appropriated out of the public highway fund the sum of one million nine hundred thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred eighty-five dollars (\$1,937,985.00) apportioned in the manner hereinafter provided:

Appropriation
\$1,937,985.

Pacific.

The Pacific Highway, for survey and construction, from Toledo to Vancouver.....\$192,500 00
 The Pacific Highway, for survey and construction, from Renton to Kent..... 34,387 00
 The Pacific Highway, for survey and construction, between Olympia and Tacoma..... 49,125 00
 The Pacific Highway, for survey and construction, north of King county..... 147,377 00

National Park.

The National Park Highway, for survey and construction, between Nema and Ocean Beach in Pacific county 72,000 00
 The National Park Highway, for survey and construction, between Alder and Elbe..... 10,000 00
 The National Park Highway, for survey and construction, between Mineral and Morton..... 71,700 00

Provided, however, That if there is any money unused after the completion of surveys and construction of the road between Mineral and Morton said money or any part thereof may be used by the Highway Commissioner on the section from Alder to Elbe, Mayfield Bridge and approaches, or the Mashel Bridge and approaches.