

CHAPTER 170.

[S. B. 139.]

ELECTIONS IN OTHER THAN CLASS A AND FIRST
CLASS COUNTIES.

AN Act fixing the time for holding city, port district and school district elections in certain cases, providing for the appointment of election officers and prescribing their duties, and fixing the time of the commencement of terms of municipal and district officers.

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

SECTION 1. All city, school district and port district elections, other than in class A and first class counties, whether general or special, and whether for the election of officers, or for the submission to the voters of such city, port district or school district, of any question for their adoption and approval or rejection, in any port district, containing a school district of the first class, shall be held on the first Saturday in December in the year in which they may be called: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed as fixing the time for holding the elections for the recall of any city or district officers or primary election or special bond election.

Time of
holding.

SEC. 2. The term of every city, port district and school district officer elected under the provisions of this act shall begin on the first Monday in January following his election: *Provided, however*, That any person elected to office at the first election held under this act shall not take office until the expiration of the term of office of his predecessor: *And provided further*, That any person whose term of office shall expire prior to the holding of the first election under this act shall continue to hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.

Term of
office.

Place of
holding and
election
officers.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county auditor and the prosecuting attorney in all city, town and district elections held under the provisions of this act to provide places for holding elections, to appoint the election officers, to provide for their compensation, to provide ballot boxes, ballot or voting machines, poll books and tally sheets, and deliver them to the election officers at the polling places, to publish and post notices of calling such elections in the manner provided by law, and to apportion to each city, town or district its share of the expense of such election.

Conduct of
elections.

SEC. 4. The election officers hereinabove provided for shall conduct such election and shall receive and deposit the ballots cast thereat in the proper and respective ballot boxes and shall count said ballots and make return thereof to the proper officers of the respective cities, port districts and school districts in the manner provided by law: *Provided, however,* That there shall be but one set of election officers in each precinct.

Polls,
hours to
remain
open.

SEC. 5. At every election held under the provisions of this act, the polls shall be kept open from eight o'clock A. M. to eight o'clock P. M., and all qualified electors who shall be inside the polling place at eight o'clock P. M. shall be allowed to cast their ballots at such election.

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