from and after the 1st day of June, 1923) to the state of Washington, and when an abstract of title is furnished to the state auditor showing that the state of Washington has legal title to said real estate by virtue of such deed, then the state auditor is hereby empowered and directed to draw a warrant upon the state treasurer for said amount hereby appropriated and to issue and transmit the same to said Augusta Stockder and Woldemar Stockder.

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## CHAPTER 113.

[H. B. 68.]

ORGANIZATION OF PORT DISTRICTS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS THEREOF.

An Act relating to port districts, elections therein, the officers thereof and their term of office.

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

Port commissioners to be elected at general biennial county elections.

Special elections.

Section 1. In every port district the boundaries of which are coextensive with the county in which it is located, except port districts in class A and first class counties, all elections for the election of port commissioners shall be held at the same time as the general biennial election is held in such county: *Provided*, That if the petition for organization of such port district so requests, the first election of commissioners may be held at a special election, which shall be called and held in the manner provided by law for special organization elections for such port districts.

Term of office of commis-

Sec. 2. In every such port district the term of office of each port commissioner shall be six years

and until his successor is elected and qualified, and one port commissioner shall be elected at the time of the general biennial election in each even numbered year for the term of six years from the first Six years. day of January following his election: Provided. That in any such district hereafter organized the candidate residing in the first commissioner district receiving the highest number of votes in the port district at the election organizing the district shall hold office until the expiration of six years after the first day of January following his election if such election is at a general biennial election, and if such election is at a special election he shall hold office until the expiration of six years after the first day of January following the next succeeding general biennial election; the candidate residing in the second commissioner district receiving the highest number of votes in the port district at such election shall hold office until the expiration of four years from Four years. the first day of January following his election if such election is at a general biennial election, and if such election is at a special election he shall hold office until the expiration of four years after the first day of January following the next succeeding general biennial election; and the candidate residing in the third commissioner district receiving the highest number of votes in the port district at such election shall hold office until the expiration of two years Two years. after the first day of January following his election if such election is at a general biennial election, and if such election is at a special election he shall hold office until the expiration of two years after the first day of January following the next succeeding general biennial election: Provided, Further, That in such port districts already organized no election districts now orof port commissioners shall be held until the general ganized Nov., 1928. biennial election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1928, at which election

three port commissioners shall be elected and shall take office on the first day of January, 1929; and the commissioner elected from the first commissioner district shall hold office for the term of six years and until his successor is elected and qualified, and the commissioner elected from the second commissioner district shall hold office for the term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified, and the commissioner elected from the third commissioner district shall hold office for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Notices of election.

Conducting of elections.

Sec. 3. Notices of such election shall be given in the same manner, for the same time and by the same officials as is provided by law for the general biennial election in such counties; and in the matter of polling places, election board, manner of conducting and voting, time for opening and closing polls, keeping of poll lists, canvassing the votes, declaring the result, certifying the returns and in all other particulars, as nearly as may be, such election shall be called, held and conducted as is provided by law for, and as a part of, the general biennial election in such counties.

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