

CHAPTER 135.

[H. B. 39.]

ELECTION AND TERMS OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.

AN ACT relating to the election and terms of office of judges of the superior courts and repealing certain acts and parts of acts in relation thereto.

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

A superior court in each county.

Election.

Apportionment of judges.

SECTION 1. There shall be in each of the organized counties of this state a superior court for which at least one judge shall be elected by the qualified electors of the county at the time provided by law: *Provided*, That at the general election in November, 1928, and every four years thereafter, until otherwise authorized by law, there shall be elected in the county of King thirteen judges of the superior court; in the county of Spokane five judges of the superior court; in the county of Pierce four judges of the superior court; in the county of Chelan one judge of the superior court; in the county of Clark one judge of the superior court; in the county of Grays Harbor two judges of the superior court; in the county of Kitsap one judge of the superior court; in the county of Kittitas one judge of the superior court; in the county of Lewis one judge of the superior court; in the county of Lincoln one judge of the superior court; in the county of Skagit one judge of the superior court; in the county of Walla Walla one judge of the superior court; in the county of Whitman one judge of the superior court; in the county of Yakima two judges of the superior court; in the counties of Adams, Benton and Franklin jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Clallam and Jefferson jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Island and Snohomish jointly, two judges of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield jointly,

one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Cowlitz, Klickitat and Skamania jointly, two judges of the superior court; in the counties of Douglas and Grant jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Ferry and Okanogan jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Mason and Thurston jointly, two judges of the superior court; in the counties of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of Pend Oreille and Stevens jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the counties of San Juan and Whatcom jointly, two judges of the superior court.

SEC. 2. The judges of the superior court elected under the provisions of this act shall hold their offices for the term of four years from and after the second Monday in January next succeeding their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Term of office.

SEC. 3. The acts and parts of acts relating to the election and terms of office of judges of the superior court enumerated in the following schedule are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting the term of office of any judge of the superior court elected prior to the taking effect of this act:

Saving clause.

Schedule.

Sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled "An Act in relation to the organization, powers and duties of the superior courts, and declaring an emergency" approved March 27, 1890, Laws of 1889-90, pages 341 and 342;

Statutes repealed.

An act entitled "An Act providing for an additional number of superior court judges, and declaring an emergency to exist" approved March 3, 1890, Laws of 1889-90, pages 346-347;

Chapter LXVIII (68) of the Laws of 1891, pages 117-118;

Chapter LXXXIX (89) of the Laws of 1895, pages 176-177;

Chapter 50 of the Laws of 1903, page 63;

Chapter 9 of the Laws of 1905, page 26;

Chapter 36 of the Laws of 1905, pages 59-60;

Chapter 79 of the Laws of 1907, pages 140-141;

Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1907, page 205;

Chapter 178 of the Laws of 1907, page 401;

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 1909, pages 11-12;

Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1909, page 13;

Section 9 of chapter 17 of the Laws of 1909, page 23;

Chapter 52 of the Laws of 1909, page 96;

Chapter 94 of the Laws of 1909, pages 227-228;

Section 10 of chapter 28 of the Laws of 1911, page 103;

Chapter 40 of the Laws of 1911, page 134;

Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1911, page 332;

Chapter 76 of the Laws of 1911, pages 375-376;

Chapter 129 of the Laws of 1911, pages 642-643;

Chapter 131 of the Laws of 1911, page 644;

Chapter 17 of the Laws of 1913, page 47;

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 1917, pages 340-341;

Chapter 66 of the Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1925, page 64;

Chapter 132 of the Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1925, pages 332-333;

Sections 11045, 11046, 11047 and 11048 of Remington's Compiled Statutes;

Sections 8608, 8609, 8610, 8611, 8612, 8613, 8614, 8615, 8616, 8617, 8618, 8619, 8620, 8621, 8622, 8623, 8624, 8625 and 8626 of Pierce's 1919 Code.

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