

CHAPTER 155.

[S. B. 278.]

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

AN ACT relating to garbage collection and disposal, providing for the formation and operation of sanitary districts, defining the powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto, imposing fees, and providing liens for the collection thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Sanitary districts for the collection and disposal of garbage and other waste matter in territories outside of incorporated cities and towns are hereby authorized to be established in class "A" counties, as in this act provided. Sanitary districts.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of formation of a sanitary district, a petition designating the boundaries of the proposed district, by metes and bounds, or describing lands to be included in the proposed district by United States townships, ranges and legal subdivisions, signed by not less than one hundred qualified registered electors who are property owners resident within the boundaries of the proposed district, for each square mile, or major fractions thereof included within the boundaries of such district, and setting forth the object for the creation of such district, and that the establishment of such district will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and will be of benefit to the property included therein, shall be filed with the county auditor of the county within which such proposed district is located, accompanied by an obligation signed by two or more of the petitioners, agreeing to pay the cost of the publication of the notice hereinafter provided for. The county auditor shall, within ten days from the date of filing such petition, examine the signatures and certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof; and for such purpose shall Formation of.

have access to all registration books or records in the possession of the registration officers of the election precincts included, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the proposed district. No person having signed such a petition shall be allowed to withdraw his name therefrom after the filing of the same with the county auditor. If such petition shall be found to contain a sufficient number of signatures of qualified registered electors who are property owners resident within the proposed district, the county auditor shall transmit the same, together with his certificate of sufficiency attached thereto, to the board of county commissioners, and thereupon the board of county commissioners, by resolution entered upon its minutes, shall fix a time and a place for a public hearing within the district on such petition, which time shall be not less than thirty nor more than forty days from the date of the filing of such petition with the board of county commissioners; and shall cause to be published in not less than two successive issues of the official newspaper of the county, and, in the discretion of the board, in not less than two successive issues in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the proposed district, a notice that such a petition has been presented, and stating the time and place at which a hearing will be had thereon.

Notice of hearing.

Hearing.

SEC. 3. At the time and place fixed for the hearing on such petition, the board of county commissioners shall hear all persons resident of the proposed district appearing at such hearing, in favor of, or opposed to, the formation of such district, and shall determine whether the formation of such district, or a district including a portion or portions of the territory described in the petition, will be conducive to the public health, convenience, and welfare, and of benefit to the property included within the district; and if the county commissioners of such

county find said proposed sanitary district will be conducive to the public health, welfare and convenience and shall be of special benefit to the majority of the land included within the boundaries of said proposed district, they shall by resolution call a special election to be held not less than thirty days from the date of such certificate, and shall cause to be published a notice of such election for four successive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which said proposed sanitary district is located, which notice shall set the hours during which such polls will be open, boundaries of the proposed sanitary district as finally adopted by said county commissioners and object of such election, and the said notice shall also be posted for ten days in three public places in said proposed sanitary district. In submitting the said proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection, such proposition shall be expressed in the following terms:

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Sanitary District No.....YES

Sanitary District No.NO

giving in each instance the name of such district as may be desired by the board of county commissioners. There shall not be less than one polling place in each precinct; otherwise, the board shall dismiss the petition, and in that case no like petition for the formation of a sanitary district within the territory included in such former petition shall be filed or heard within six months from the date of such dismissal.

SEC. 4. Upon the formation of a sanitary district as hereinabove provided, the board of county commissioners shall have the power, and it shall be its duty, by resolution entered in its minutes, to adopt and, from time to time, to amend and enforce

Rules and
regulations.

reasonable rules and regulations defining garbage and other waste matter subject to collection and disposal, and providing for the collection and disposal thereof from all dwellings, flats, rooming houses, apartment houses, hospitals, schools, hotels, clubs, restaurants, boarding houses, eating places, stores, shops, manufacturing establishments, tourist camps, camp grounds, picnic grounds, theatres, places of amusement, stables and other places of business, amusement, or habitation, or other places where garbage and refuse is created or accumulated, and requiring all persons and/or corporations, owning, occupying, or in charge of, such buildings and places to permit the collection and disposal of garbage and other waste matter therefrom, and to furnish such containers or other equipment for the collection and disposal of such garbage and other waste matter as may be required in such rules and regulations, and fixing reasonable schedule of fees, commensurate with the cost thereof, for the collection and disposal of such garbage and other waste matter, to be charged against all lands upon which the buildings or places from which such garbage or other waste matter are collected are situated, and to be paid by the persons and/or corporations owning, occupying, or in charge of, such buildings or places, at such times and in such manner as may be provided by such rules and regulations: *Provided*, That in the case of isolated dwellings or places of business, or amusement, located in sparsely settled portions of the district, or where reasonable access can not be had by truck, garbage and other waste matter therefrom may, upon special permit from the board of county commissioners, be collected, removed and disposed of by the owner of the property in question in such manner as the board shall in and by such permit approve and direct.

Isolation.

SEC. 5. Having adopted reasonable rules and regulations for the collection and disposal of garbage and other waste matter in any sanitary district, as provided in the preceding section, the board of county commissioners of the county in which such district is situated, shall have the power and it shall be its duty to cause all garbage and other waste matter within the boundaries of such district to be collected and disposed of, and to collect fees therefor, and to pay the cost thereof, in the manner and at the times provided in such rules and regulations, or in any amendments thereof adopted and entered upon the minutes of the board as above provided.

Adminis-
tration.

SEC. 6. In the office of the county treasurer of any county in which a sanitary district is established as provided by this act, there shall be created a special fund, to be known as the "Sanitary Garbage District No..... Fund," and all fees collected for the collection and disposal of garbage or other waste matter shall be credited to such fund, and all expenses incurred for the collection and disposal of garbage and other waste matter within such district shall be charged to such fund, and shall be paid upon warrants issued under the direction of the board of county commissioners in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted, as hereinabove in this act provided.

Fund.

SEC. 7. In case any fees for the collection of garbage and other waste matter, provided for in the preceding section, are not paid at the times provided for in such rules and regulations, it shall be the duty of the county auditor to certify that fact to the county treasurer, giving the respective amounts of the fees not paid, and describing the lands against which such fees were charged, and the respective dates when said fees were due and became delinquent; and upon the receipt of such certificate, it shall be the duty of the county treasurer to charge

Delinquent
fees.

such delinquent fees upon the current tax rolls of the county, against the lands described in the certificate as of the date when they became due, and such charge shall constitute a lien upon the lands against which the charge is made, and such charge shall be payable, together with interest at the rate provided by law for interest on delinquent taxes, from the date of the charge, and such charge shall be collected and such liens shall be foreclosed in the manner provided by law for the collection of, and the foreclosure of, liens for general county delinquent taxes.

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Passed the House March 6, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1933.

CHAPTER 156.

[S. B. 169.]

REGULATING VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to vehicles and regulating the operation thereof upon the highways of this state; providing for traffic signals and control thereof; providing for the proper equipment and devices to be used thereon, and for the inspection thereof; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; prescribing the powers and duties of certain officers, the collection, distribution and expenditures of fees; making appropriations and amending sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30 and 31 of chapter 309 of the Laws of 1927 as amended by chapter 178 of the Laws of 1929.

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

SECTION 1. That section 20 of chapter 309 of the Laws of 1927, as amended by section 3 of chapter 178 of the Laws of 1929 be amended to read as follows:

Section 20. a. Every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle or farm tractor and except as other-

Amends §20,
ch. 309, Laws
of 1927; § 3,
ch. 178, Laws
of 1929.