

## CHAPTER 171.

[H. B. 424.]

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the organization and government of irrigation districts, authorizing betterments and local improvements therein; providing the form of ballots for district elections; prescribing the manner of nominating candidates for District Director and amending section 15 of chapter 180, Session Laws of 1919, (section 7460 Remington's Revised Statutes of Washington).

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

SECTION 1. That section 15 of chapter 180, Session Laws of 1919, (section 7460 Remington's Revised Statutes of Washington), be amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 15. Any desired special construction, reconstruction, betterment or improvements in an irrigation district system, including drainage, domestic water, or any other district service authorized by law, or purchase or acquisition of improvements already constructed, which are for the special benefit of the lands tributary thereto and lying within an irrigation district, may be constructed, purchased or acquired and provision made to meet the cost thereof as follows: The holders of title or evidence of title of one-quarter of the acreage proposed to be assessed, may file with the Board of Directors of the irrigation district their petition reciting the nature and general plan of the desired improvement and specifying the lands proposed to be specially assessed therefor. Such petition shall be accompanied by a bond in the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) with surety to be approved by the said Board of Directors conditioned that the petitioners will pay the cost of an investigation of the project and of the hearing thereon if the same be not established. The said Board may at any time require a bond in an additional sum as may be

Betterments may be added.

Procedure.

Petition.

Bond.

Board to  
make inves-  
tigation.

deemed advisable. Upon the filing of such petition the Board of Directors, with the assistance of a competent engineer, shall make an investigation of the feasibility, cost and need of the proposed local improvement together with the ability of the land to pay such cost, and if the same appears feasible they shall have plans and estimate of the cost thereof prepared. If the cost shall appear to the board to exceed the benefits to accrue therefrom, or if the lands proposed to be embraced within the local improvement district shall be found to be insufficient security for the return of the cost, or if a protest against the establishment of the proposed improvement signed by a majority of the holders of title in the proposed local improvement district be presented at or prior to the hearing herein provided for, or if in other respects the proposed local improvement district should be found infeasible, they shall hold such petition for organization for naught and dismiss the same at the expense of the petitioners.

Protest by  
others.

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Voting by  
ballot.

SEC. 2. The voting at all irrigation district elections shall be by ballot. Official ballot forms shall be of uniform size and quality, shall be provided by the district, and, for the election of Director or Directors, shall contain the names of all candidates who have filed in writing with the secretary of the district not less than fifteen days before the day of the election a declaration of their candidacy; and said ballot forms shall also provide space for the writing in of the name or names of unnamed candidates. Each person filing his declaration of candidacy with the secretary shall designate therein the position for which he is a candidate. The names of no other candidates for district director shall appear upon said official ballot form and no ballots on any form other than the official form shall be received or counted: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to prevent any voter from

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Candidates.

voting for any other qualified person for such position by sticker or by writing in the name of such other person.

Sticker  
candidates.

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## CHAPTER 172.

[H. B. 425.]

### IRRIGATION DISTRICTS OF 200,000 ACRES OR MORE.

AN ACT relating to irrigation districts comprising an area of 200,000 acres or more of land; prescribing the time for issuance of Treasurer's deeds in sales to persons other than the irrigation district, on account of delinquent district assessments against lands therein for which irrigation water was not available, authorizing redemption of such lands at any time before deed is issued and defining the duties of the district secretary with respect thereto.

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

SECTION 1. Where any tract of land for which irrigation water was not available at the time of the sale, has been sold to a person, other than the irrigation district, by the County Treasurer on account of delinquent district assessments in an irrigation district comprising an area of 200,000 or more acres of land, no deed shall issue to such purchaser in completion of the sale until after the expiration of two years from and after the date of the sale and said land may be redeemed in the same manner, and by the same persons, now authorized by law at any time before deed is issued.

Limitation of  
redemption.

SEC. 2. Upon the sale of such land to a purchaser, other than the irrigation district, as aforesaid, the secretary of the district shall forthwith at the expense and in the name of the district notify any