

hereby declared legal and valid and of full force and effect.

SEC. 3. The provisions of the act shall apply only to such districts attempted to be organized under chapter 114 of the Laws of 1929, and amendments thereto, which have maintained their organization as such since the date of such attempted organization, establishment, or creation.

Act limited to Ch. 114, Laws of 1929.

SEC. 4. If any part of this act is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

Saving clause.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Effective immediately.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1943.

Passed the House March 10, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1943.

CHAPTER 178.

[S. B. 39.]

ELECTION OF PRECINCT AND STATE COMMITTEEMEN.

AN ACT relating to the election and duties of Precinct Committeeman and State Committeeman and amending section 1, chapter 48, Laws of 1939 (section 5198 of Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement).

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

SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 48, Laws of 1939 (section 5198 of Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement) be amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 1. The Precinct Committeeman of each party entitled to participate in the September primaries shall be elected at the general election. No person shall be eligible to be elected a precinct Committeeman unless he shall be at the time of making the filing hereinafter referred to a registered voter in

Elect at general election.

Eligibility.

Must be registered in precinct. the precinct for which he shall file his declaration of candidacy as a Precinct Committeeman. Any elector duly registered to vote in his precinct may file, at a cost of \$1.00, with the County Auditor, a declaration of candidacy for Precinct Committeeman for the election precinct in which he resides. Said filing shall as nearly as possible follow the form provided for the filing of declaration of candidacy for county offices. Such filing shall be made at the same time as provided by law for the filing of declarations of candidacy for county offices but the candidates so filing shall not be elected until the general election. The name of such candidates so filing for Precinct Committeeman shall be printed or stamped upon the official ballot: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any voter from writing in on the ticket the name of one qualified registered elector of the precinct, for member of the party committee of his party county committee. The one having the highest number of votes shall be such committeeman of such party for such precinct. The party committee of each county shall consist of the precinct committeeman from the several precincts of such county. The state committee shall consist of one committeeman and one committeewoman from each county, elected by the county committee which shall meet for such purpose and organization at the court house at the county seat of each county at 2 o'clock p. m. on the second Saturday after such general election, unless some other time and place of such meeting shall be designated by a regular call of the properly authorized officers of the retiring committee. The officers of each county committee and the officers of the state committee must include a chairman, and a vice-chairman who shall be of the opposite sex from the chairman. Each political party organization shall have the power to make its own rules and regulations, call conventions, elect

Declaration of candidacy.

Filing time.

Ballot printing.

Voter may write in.

Highest vote elects.

County committee.

State committee.

Time of county meeting.

Party rules and conventions.

delegates to conventions, state and national, fill vacancies on the ticket, provide for the nomination of presidential electors and perform all other functions inherent to such organization, the same as though this act had not been passed: *Provided*, That in no instance shall any convention have the power to nominate any candidate to be voted for at any primary election.

Fill vacancies on ticket.

Limitation.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1943.

Passed the House March 10, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1943.

CHAPTER 170.

[S. S. B. 69.]

FOOD AND SHELLFISH.

AN ACT relating to food fishes and shellfishes; specifying for certain officers the power to search and to arrest for violations in connection therewith; defining offenses and providing penalties; amending section 8, chapter 31, Laws of 1915 (sec. 5660, Rem. Rev. Stat.) and amending section 31, Laws of 1915 by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 8A.

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

SECTION 1. That section 8, chapter 31, Laws of 1915 (sec. 5660, Rem. Rev. Stat.) be amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 8. The Director of Fisheries, and any Fisheries Inspector, or Deputy Fisheries Inspector shall have authority to arrest, without writ, order or process, any person in the act of violating any of the provisions of this act, or any of the rules, regulations, or orders made by the Director of Fisheries, and they are hereby made peace officers for such purpose. If any person knowingly or wilfully resists or opposes such officer in the discharge of his said duties, he shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Power of arrest.

Penalty for resisting arrest.