

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect January 1, 1946. Effective date.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1945.

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Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 194.

[S. B. 96.]

ELECTIONS—HOLDING OF PRIMARY, GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to elections and voting in counties of the second to ninth classes, inclusive; consolidating city, town and district elections held therein; providing for the calling and holding of primary, general and special elections and the manner of conducting the same; conforming terms of officers to revised election dates; enlarging authority of all County Election Boards by amending section 5, chapter 61, Laws of 1921, as last amended by section 1, chapter 180, Laws of 1941 (section 5147, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 522-9); and repealing all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. All city, town and water district elections, whether general or special, and whether for the election of municipal or district officers or for the submission to the voters of any city, town or district of any question for their adoption and approval, or rejection, shall be held in all counties of the second to ninth classes, inclusive, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, 1945, and thereafter in the year in which they may be called: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed as fixing the time of holding elections for the recall of city, town or district officers.

City election dates.

SEC. 2. Primary elections for the nomination of candidates to be elected at such November general elections shall, in all cases where such nominations

Primaries. are required by law to be made by primary elections, be held on the second Tuesday of September preceding the general election and conducted in the same manner as primary elections held biennially under the provisions of section 3, chapter 209, Laws of 1907 (section 5179, Remington's Revised Statutes).

Amend-
ments.

SEC. 3. Section 5, chapter 61, Laws of 1921, as last amended by section 1, chapter 180, Laws of 1941 (section 5147, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 522-9), is amended to read as follows:

Election
board.

Section 5. The chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Auditor, and the Prosecuting Attorney in each county, shall constitute the Election Board for all elections and it shall be the duty of such Board to provide places for holding elections; to appoint the precinct election officers; to provide for their compensation; to provide ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, poll books and tally sheets, and deliver them to the precinct election officers at the polling places, to publish and post notices of calling such elections in the manner provided by this act, and to apportion to each city, town or district, its share of the expense of such elections: *Provided*, That in the appointment of the precinct election officers by the County Election Board, said Board shall designate the inspector and one judge in each precinct from that political party polling the highest number of votes for its first presidential elector in such county in the last preceding general election at which presidential electors were voted for, and one judge from that political party polling the next highest number of votes for its first presidential elector in such county at said election.

Officials.

SEC. 4. All elections held under the provisions of this act shall be conducted by the precinct officials appointed by the County Election Board, in the man-

ner in which primary and general elections for state officers are conducted.

SEC. 5. All candidates for office to be voted for at any election held under the provisions of this act shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty (60) days and not less than thirty (30) days prior to the day of election, with the Clerk or Secretary of the governing board of any city, town or district, and such officer shall certify the same to the County Election Board at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the primary election. Nominating petitions for candidates not required to be nominated by a primary election shall be filed with said Clerk or Secretary not later than thirty (30) days prior to the general election.

Declarations
of
candidacy.

All candidates shall pay the same fees and be governed by the same rules as obtain with respect to candidates for nomination at the biennial statewide primary elections.

Fees.

SEC. 6. The County Election Board shall give notice of all elections to be held under the provisions of this act, by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty (40) days before the date of election, and by posting a copy of such notice at each polling place for such election not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty (40) days before the date of election. Said notice shall contain the time and place of holding said election; the hours during which the polls shall be open; the offices to be filled and the proposition to be voted upon at such election, and such notice shall be the only notice required of all elections to be held under the provisions of this act.

Notice.

SEC. 7. The governing boards of all cities, towns and districts whose elections are held under the provisions of this act shall submit a list of the offices to be filled at the November election to the County

List of
offices.

Election Board not less than ninety (90) days prior to the September primary election. They shall certify to the County Election Board ballot-titles of not more than twenty-five (25) words to be used in submitting propositions, including amendments to city charters, to voters for their approval or rejection not later than forty-five (45) days prior to any election regularly held under the provisions of this act. Ballot-titles shall be worded so voters favoring a proposition will vote "yes" and those opposed will vote "no."

Ballot
titles.

SEC. 8. The governing board of any municipality or district in which a special election is to be held shall notify the County Election Board thereof not less than five (5) days previous to the time for posting or publishing the first notice thereof. The County Election Board shall call and conduct such special elections and for that purpose may combine, unite or divide voting precincts.

Special
elections.

SEC. 9. The term of every city, town and district officer elected under the provisions of this act shall begin on the first Monday in January following his election. Any person elected to office at the first election held under this act shall not take office until the expiration of the term of officer of his predecessor. Any person whose term of office shall expire prior to the holding of the first election under this act, shall continue to hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.

Terms of
office.

SEC. 10. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are repealed.

Conflicting
acts.

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