as Public Hospital Districts, are hereby authorized and may be established within the several counties of the state as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 4, 1947.
Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.
Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 226.
[H. B. 154.]

CORPORATIONS—DELINQUENT FEES.

An Act to promote the development of natural resources of the state; to fix the license fees of certain corporations; to provide for the reinstatement of certain delinquent corporations, and amending chapter 70, Laws of 1937, by adding thereto after section 4, a new section to be known as section 4A, and amending section 14, chapter 70, Laws of 1937 (sec. 3836-14, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 460-27, PPC).

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

Section 1. Chapter 70, Laws of 1937, is amended by adding thereto after section 4, a new section to be known as section 4A reading as follows:

Section 4A. Any corporation organized for the purpose of developing natural resources and which does not own or operate any producing mine or property, may file with the Secretary of State, on or before the first day of July of any year, its statement, verified by the oath of its president and secretary, covering its operations for the year ending June 1st prior thereto, upon forms to be furnished to it by the Secretary of State upon request, and pay therewith to the Secretary of State a license fee
of ten dollars ($10), and shall thereupon be entitled to a license for the ensuing year.

The statement shall contain such information as may be required from time to time by the Secretary of State, including the name of the company, its principal office, names and addresses of its principal officers, amount of its capital stock authorized, subscribed, and issued, its par value per share, the name and address of its resident agent or attorney in fact, if a foreign corporation, and a brief description of the character and extent of the work and expenditures of the company during the preceding year.

Sec. 2. Section 14, chapter 70, Laws of 1937 (sec. 3836-14, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 460-27, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 14. In the event that any corporation shall allow license fees due the state under existing laws or by virtue of this chapter, to become delinquent for a period of three consecutive years and the Secretary of State shall be unable to collect said fees in full, it shall be his duty to enter upon his records a notation that such corporation is dissolved and said corporation shall thereupon be dissolved and the Secretary of State shall thereupon be free to grant the name of the corporation so dissolved to any other corporation thereafter organized: Provided, however, That any corporation which may have been heretofore stricken or dissolved or which may hereafter be dissolved by the Secretary of State for nonpayment of fees under existing laws or this chapter is hereby given the privilege of becoming reinstated and having its corporate license restored by applying to the Secretary of State for such reinstatement at any time within ten years after such corporation may have been or may be stricken or dissolved, and paying to the Secretary of State for the use of the state, all
license fees and penalties due to the state under existing laws and this chapter and the additional sum of ten dollars ($10) for each and every year that its name has been stricken from, or noted as dissolved upon the records, or paying to the Secretary of State for the use of the state the license fees and penalties due to the state under existing laws or this chapter and the penalty above provided for the most distant year then due and unpaid and also for the year last due and unpaid and enter into a contract with the Secretary of State, according to a form to be approved by him, for the payment of all other unpaid license fees and penalties then due from it, in ten semiannual installment payments, to begin upon the due date of the next annual license fee. The current annual license fee shall not be received unless the installment payments due have been paid: Provided further, That any corporation organized solely for the purpose of developing natural resources and not engaged in any other business, and which does not own or operate any producing mine or property, shall be reinstated and have its license renewed at any time within twenty years after such corporation may have been stricken or dissolved, by paying to the Secretary of State the current annual license fee of ten dollars ($10), together with a penalty of ten dollars ($10) for each and every year for which said corporation is delinquent, and filing therewith its verified statement covering each and all of the years delinquent in the form herein provided for the annual statement of non-productive mining corporations: Providing, further, That the privilege of becoming reinstated shall not be granted to any corporation where the name of such corporation has been given to a new corporation organized after its dissolution.

Upon reinstatement as herein provided it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to enter upon his records a notation that such corporation is re-
instituted, and it shall thereupon be reinstated as of the date on which its name was stricken from or noted as dissolved upon the records of the office of the Secretary of State, and such corporation shall have the right to sue and shall enjoy the same rights and powers as if its name had never been stricken from the records or it had never been dissolved and all things done by it in the exercise of its corporate powers before such reinstatement shall become valid acts of the corporation.

Passed the House February 10, 1947.
Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.
Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 227.
[ H. B. 232. ]

ELECTION—COMMISSIONERS OF COMMERCIAL WATERWAY DISTRICTS.

An Act relating to elections, providing for the nomination and election of Commissioners of Commercial Waterway Districts in class A and first class counties; and amending chapter 11, Laws of 1911 as amended by chapter 46, Laws of 1913, by adding thereto seven new sections to be known as sections 2-a to 2-g, consecutively, following section 2 thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 46, Laws of 1913, is amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 2-a, to follow section 2 thereof, and reading as follows:

Section 2-a. Nominations for Commercial Waterway District Commissioners in class A and first class counties shall be by petition signed by at least twenty-five registered voters in such Commercial Waterway District. The petition shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Commercial Waterway District not more than sixty