

CHAPTER 234.

[ S. H. B. 205. ]

ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to elections; providing for the manner, form and times for filing declarations of candidacy, and withdrawal thereof, for filing petitions and certificates of nomination and declination thereof, for giving notices of holding primaries and elections; amending section 4, chapter 209, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 1, chapter 95, Laws of 1933 (sec. 5180, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 529-11, PPC), section 8, chapter 209, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 1, chapter 26, Laws of 1935 (sec. 5185, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 529-21, PPC), section 5, chapter 194, Laws of 1945 (sec. 5166-4, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 522-39, PPC), section 8, page 403, Laws of 1889-90, as last amended by section 2, chapter 178, Laws of 1921 (sec. 5172, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 524-23, PPC) and section 11, page 404, Laws of 1889-90, as last amended by section 3, chapter 178, Laws of 1921 (sec. 5175, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 524-29, PPC); and repealing all acts and parts of acts, general or special, in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 209, Laws of 1907, as last amended by section 1, chapter 95, Laws of 1933 (sec. 5180, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 529-11, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The name of no candidate shall be printed upon the official ballot used at a September primary, unless not earlier than the preceding July 1st nor later than the preceding July 20th, a declaration of candidacy is filed in the form hereinafter set forth, nor at any other primary election unless at least forty-five (45) and not more than sixty (60) days prior to such primary, a declaration of candidacy has been filed by him as provided in this act in the following form:

Declaration of candidacy to be filed.

I, ....., declare upon honor that I reside at No. .... street, ..... (city or town of) ..... (county of) ....., State of Washington, and am a qualified voter therein, and a member of

Form.

(do not fill this in if office sought is nonpartisan)
..... party, that I hereby declare my-
self a candidate to the office of .....
or position No. .... for the office of
.....

(fill in whichever blank is applicable) to be made at
the primary election to be held on the .....
day of ....., and hereby request that
my name be printed upon the official primary ballot
as provided by law as a candidate of the .....
(do not fill this in if office sought is nonpartisan)
..... party, and I accompany herewith
the sum of ..... dollars, the fee required
by law of me for becoming a candidate.

Subscribed this ..... day of
....., 19 .....

With-
drawal.

Provided, That any candidate may withdraw his
declaration at any time within five days after the
last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

SEC. 2. Section 8, chapter 209, Laws of 1907, as
last amended by section 1, chapter 26, Laws of 1935
(sec. 5185, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 529-21, PPC) is
amended to read as follows:

List of
candidates.

Section 8. At least thirty-five days before any
September primary, the Secretary of State shall
transmit to each County Auditor a certified list, con-
taining the name, post office address and party desig-
nations of each person to be voted for at such pri-
mary, and the office for which he is a candidate as
appears by the nomination papers filed in his office.

Preparation
of absentee
ballots.

Each County Auditor shall at least twenty-five
days before any primary, have prepared sufficient
ballots for use by absentee voters and at least ten
(10) days prior to any primary, publish once a notice
showing, with the proper party designation and un-
der the title of each office, the names and addresses
of all the persons for whom nomination papers have

Publication
of notice.

been filed in so far as the same shall affect electors of his county, and giving the date of the primary, the hours during which the polls shall be open, and that the primary will be held in the regular polling place for each precinct: *Provided*, That the names of all candidates for nonpartisan offices shall be published without party designation. This shall be the only notice required for the holding of any September primary.

Nonpartisan  
offices.

SEC. 3. Section 5, chapter 194, Laws of 1945 (sec. 5166-4, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 522-39, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. All candidates for offices to be voted on at any election in first, second, and third class cities shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty (60) nor less than forty-five (45) days prior to the day of the primary with the clerk thereof: *Provided*, That no such candidate shall declare any party affiliation therein. Any such candidate may withdraw his declaration at any time within five days after the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

Elections in  
first, second  
and third  
class cities.

Nonpartisan.

At least thirty days before the date fixed for the primary, the City Clerks shall transmit to the County Election Board a certified list of the candidates to be voted on thereat as represented by the declarations of candidacy filed in his office.

Transmittal  
of list to  
County Elec-  
tion Board.

Nominating petitions for candidates for an office in a political subdivision other than a first, second or third class city, the election for which is to be held on the second Tuesday in March of any year shall be filed with the clerk or secretary of the governing board thereof not later than thirty (30) days prior to the general election.

Political  
subdivisions  
other than  
cities of first,  
second and  
third classes.

All candidates required to file declarations of candidacy shall pay the same fees and be governed by the same rules as obtain with respect to candidates for nomination at the September primary elections.

Fees.

SEC. 4. Section 8, page 403, Laws of 1889-90, as last amended by section 2, chapter 178, Laws of 1921 (sec. 5172, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 524-23, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Declining of nomination.

Section 8. Certificates of nomination by clerks of fourth class cities and towns and certificates of clerks and secretaries of district boards, except in second and third class school districts, showing who has been nominated and for what office therein, shall be filed with the County Auditor not less than twenty days before the election: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to certificates of nomination for general or special elections for any city or town which is not subject to the consolidated election laws.

SEC. 5. Section 11, page 404, Laws of 1889-90, as last amended by section 3, chapter 178, Laws of 1921 (sec. 5175, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 524-29, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Decline of nomination.

Section 11. Any person nominated for public office at a September primary may at least twenty-five days before election notify in writing the officer with whom the certificate nominating him is required to be filed that he declines the nomination, whereupon the nomination shall be void.

Notification.

In the case of elections held in cities, towns and districts other than judicial, legislative, port and public utility districts, the declination must be filed at least fifteen days before the election except in cities of the first class wherein primaries are held less than thirty days prior to the election, in which case declinations to be effective must be filed at least ten days before election.

Filing.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts, general or special, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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