

CHAPTER 114.

[H. B. 234.]

AIRPORT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to airport districts and providing for the government thereof; adding certain sections to chapter 14.08, R.C.W., amending section 14.08.300, R.C.W., and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 14.08.300, R.C.W., as derived from section 13, chapter 182, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

Governing body designated.

The governing body of a county airport district shall be the board of county commissioners except as in this chapter provided.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 2722-42.]

New section.

SEC. 2. A new section is added to chapter 14.08, R.C.W., to read as follows:

Petition for establishment of board of airport district commissioners.

One hundred or more registered voters in any county airport district may make, sign and file a petition with the board of county commissioners asking that thereafter the airport district be governed by a board of airport district commissioners. Within ten days after receipt of such petition, the board of county commissioners shall check the petition. If the petition be found adequate and to be signed by the prescribed number of legal voters, the board of county commissioners shall within a reasonable time call a public hearing, notice of which shall be given by publication one week in advance thereof in a newspaper circulating within the district, at which arguments shall be heard for or against the proposal and if it shall appear to the county commissioners that the residents of the district so desire they shall enter an order declaring that the county airport

Notice and hearing.

Order.

district shall be governed by a board of three airport district commissioners.

[R.C.W. 14.08 is Rem. Supp. 1945, §§ 2722-30—2722-45, with amendments.]

SEC. 3. A new section is added to chapter 14.08, New section. R.C.W., to read as follows:

The board of airport district commissioners shall consist of three members, who shall each be a registered voter and actually a resident of the district. The first commissioners shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. The term of office of airport district commissioners shall be two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Members of the board of airport district commissioners shall be elected at each regular general election on a nonpartisan basis. They shall be nominated by petition of ten registered voters of the district. The elected members of the board of airport district commissioners shall take office as soon as they have been certified as elected by the election board. Vacancies on the board of airport district commissioners shall be filled by appointment by the remaining commissioners. Members of the board of airport district commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for actual necessary travelling and sustenance expenses incurred while engaged on official business.

Three member board.

Qualifications.

First commissioners.

Term.

Election.

Vacancies.

No compensation.

Expenses.

[See note to sec. 2.]

SEC. 4. 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.

Emergency.

Passed the House February 21, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.