

CHAPTER 68.

[H. B. 326.]

PORT DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the election of commissioners in port districts comprising an area less than the entire county; amending section 53.12.160, R.C.W., amending chapter 53.12, R.C.W., by adding two new sections thereto, and repealing section 53.12.170, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.12.160, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1935, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Port districts comprising less than entire county; election of commissioners.

In port districts comprising less than the entire county elections for the selection of commissioners shall be held at the same time as the general election is held in the county: *Provided*, That if the petition for the organization of the district so requests, the first election of commissioners may be held at a special election which shall be called and held in the manner provided for special organization elections of port districts.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1941, § 9691A-1.]

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added a new section to chapter 53.12, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 133, Laws of 1935, to read as follows:

Same; term of office.

In every such port district the term of office of each port commissioner shall be six years and until his successor is elected and qualified, and one commissioner shall be elected at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year for the term of six years from the first of January following his election: *Provided*, That in any district hereafter organized the candidate residing in the first commissioner district receiving the highest number of votes in the port district at the election organizing the district shall hold office until the expiration of six years after the first day of January following his

Districts hereafter organized; terms of office.

election if such election is at a general election, and if such election is at a special election he shall hold office until the expiration of six years after the first day of January following the next succeeding general election; the candidate residing in the second commissioner district receiving the highest number of votes in the port district at such election shall hold office until the expiration of four years from the first day of January following his election if such election is at a general election, and if such election is at a special election he shall hold office until the expiration of four years after the first day of January following the next succeeding general election; and the candidate residing in the third commissioner district receiving the highest number of votes in the port district at such election shall hold office until the expiration of two years after the first day of January following his election if such election is at a general election, and if such election is at a special election he shall hold office until the expiration of two years after the first day of January following the next succeeding general election; in all the foregoing situations, the commissioner to hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. There is added a new section to chapter 53.12, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 133, Laws of 1935, to read as follows:

In port districts already organized, at the general election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1952, there shall be elected two commissioners from the two commissioner districts for which, but for the passage of this act, there would have been an election of such commissioners; at this election, from the commissioner district of these two districts which most recently had a commissioner elected for a four year term, a commissioner shall be elected to take office on the first day of January, 1953, to hold office for a term of four years and until

New section.

Existing districts; commissioners elected November, 1952.

Terms of office.

his successor is elected and qualified; from the other of these two commissioner districts a commissioner shall be elected to take office on the first day of January, 1953, to hold office for a term of six years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 4. Section 53.12.170, R.C.W., as derived from sections 2 through 7, chapter 133, Laws of 1935, is repealed.

[Rep. Rem. Supp. §§ 9691A-2 to 9691A-7 incl.]

Passed the House March 1, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.

CHAPTER 69.

[H. B. 343.]

PORT DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to port district elections; providing for nomination and withdrawal of candidates for office of port commissioner, amending sections 53.12.030 and 53.12.040, R.C.W., and amending chapter 53.12, R.C.W., by adding thereto two new sections.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 53.12.030, R.C.W., as derived from section 2, chapter 39, Laws of 1921, is amended to read as follows:

Commissioners; how nominated in districts under 1,000 persons.

Nominations for port commissioners in a port district having a population less than one thousand shall be made by petition signed by a number of qualified voters equaling ten per cent or more of the qualified voters residing in the district.

[Am. R.R.S. § 9703.]

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 53.12.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 5, chapter 53, Laws of 1923, and section 2, chapter 62, Laws of 1913, is amended to read as follows: