CHAPTER 87.
[H. B. 168.]

SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION.

An Act relating to education, prescribing duties of the county committee on school district organization and the county superintendent, in connection with proposed changes in school district organization and proposed terms of adjustment of assets and liabilities of school district; providing for a special election on the aforesaid changes in certain cases, and amending section 28.57.070, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.57.070, R.C.W., as derived from section 19, chapter 266, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt and consideration by the county committee of such statement from the state board as is required in subsection 2 of the preceding section, the committee shall take action respecting the disposition of the proposed changes and proposed terms of adjustment dealt with therein. Upon approval by the county committee of any proposed changes or terms of adjustment, the county superintendent shall make an order establishing all approved changes involving the alteration of the boundaries of an established school district or districts and all approved terms of adjustment involving an established district or districts the boundaries of which have been or are hereafter altered in the manner provided by law, and shall certify his action to the county auditor for the board of county commissioners, and to the county treasurer, the county assessor and the clerks of all school districts affected by such action. Upon receipt of such certification the clerk of each school district which is annexed to another district by the action shall deliver to the proper school district officer of the district all books, papers, documents, records, and other materials pertaining to his office.
In case the aforesaid approval by the county committee concerns a proposal to form a new school district or a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness involving an established school district and one or more former school districts now included therein pursuant to a vote of the people concerned, a special election of the voters residing within the territory of the proposed new district or of the established district involved in a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness as the case may be shall be held for the purpose of affording said voters an opportunity to approve or reject such proposals as concern or affect them.

In a case involving both the question of the formation of a new district and the question of adjustment of bonded indebtedness, the questions may be submitted to the voters either in the form of a single proposition or as separate propositions, whichever to the county superintendent seems expedient. The county superintendent shall perform in connection with the calling and conducting of the special elections provided for in this chapter all duties that are required by law to be performed by a board of directors and the clerk or secretary of a school district in connection with the calling and conducting of school district elections.


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