

CHAPTER 111.

[H. B. 543.]

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to school district elections; repealing section 5 of Title III, chapter 4, article IV of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 298), and section 5 of Title III, chapter 4, article V of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 301), and amending section 28.63.010, RCW; repealing section 2 of Title III, chapter 13, article I of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 346), and amending section 28.63.240, RCW; repealing section 14, chapter 90, Laws of 1919, and section 28.59.210, RCW; repealing section 3 of Title III, chapter 4, article III, of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 290), and section 28.62.020, RCW; and repealing and re-enacting sections 28.62.010 and 28.62.030, RCW; and repealing section 1 of Title III, chapter 13, article I of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 346), and section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1941, and section 2 of Title III, chapter 4, article IV of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 298), and section 2 of Title III, chapter 4, article V of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 301), and section 28.63.230, RCW.

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

Repealing and amendment clause.

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Title III, chapter 4, article IV of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 298), and section 5 of Title III, chapter 4, article V of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 301), are repealed and RCW 28.63.010, presently derived therefrom, and henceforth derived from this act, is amended to read as follows:

Organization of board.

The term of office of directors of districts of the second and third class shall begin, and the board shall organize, as provided in RCW 29.13.050. They shall also elect a person to act as clerk; in second class districts he may or may not be a member of the board of directors, in third class districts he must be. The chairman and clerk shall both immediately enter upon the discharge of their duties and shall serve for a period of one year: *Provided*, That if the clerk fails to discharge his duties in accordance with law, the board of directors may, at any time, remove the clerk

Clerk.

Terms of office of chairman and clerk.

and elect another eligible person to fill the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Title III, chapter 13, article I of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 346) is repealed and RCW 28.63.240, presently derived therefrom and henceforth derived from this act, is amended to read as follows:

Repealing
and
amendment
clause.

The notice of election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of RCW 29.27.080. Unless otherwise designated in the notice of election, the polls shall be open at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and close at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, but the board of directors may, previous to giving notice of election, determine on an hour before 8 o'clock for closing, but they must not be closed earlier than 4 o'clock in the afternoon. In the event that the school district election is, in accordance with RCW 29.13.040, conducted by the officer charged with conducting a city or town election and is held in conjunction with such city or town election, the polls shall be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening. In no case shall the polls be opened before the hour named in the notice, or kept open after the hour fixed for closing the polls, but if there is not a sufficient number of electors present at the hour named for opening the polls to constitute a board of election, it shall be lawful to open the polls as soon thereafter as a sufficient number of electors is present.

Elections—
notice.

Polls; times
of opening
and closing.

Exceptions.

SEC. 3. Section 28.59.210, RCW, and section 14, chapter 90, Laws of 1919, are each repealed.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 4. Section 3 of Title III, chapter 4, article III of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 290), and section 28.62.020, RCW, derived therefrom, are each repealed and sections 28.62.010 and 28.62.030, RCW, derived therefrom, are repealed and re-enacted as sections 5 and 6 of this act.

Repealing
and
reenacting-
clause.

Oath of
directors.

SEC. 5. 28.62.010 *Oath of Directors.* All persons elected as members of the board of directors of districts of the first class shall, within ten days thereafter, appear before an officer authorized to administer oaths, take and subscribe the usual oath of office and deliver it to the county superintendent of schools; in case any person elected shall fail so to do, his election shall be void and the vacancy occasioned thereby shall be filled by the board.

Election
and terms of
office
of board
officers.

SEC. 6. 28.62.030 *Officers of Board.* At the first meeting of the members of the board they shall elect a president and vice president from among their number who shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. In the event of the temporary absence or disability of both the president and vice president, the board of directors may elect a president *pro tempore* who shall discharge all the duties of president during such temporary absence or disability.

Secretary.

They shall also at the first meeting in each year elect a secretary at such salary as they may deem just; the secretary shall not be a member of the board of directors, and may be removed by the board at any time.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 7. Section 1 of Title III, chapter 13, article I of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 346), and section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1941; and section 2 of Title III, chapter 4, article IV of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 298); and section 2 of Title III, chapter 4, article V of chapter 97, Laws of 1909 (page 301); and section 28.63.230, RCW, are each repealed.

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