

CHAPTER 165.

[H. B. 43.]

TOWNSHIPS—POWERS OF ELECTORS AT TOWN MEETINGS.

AN ACT relating to townships, defining the powers of the electors at annual town meetings, and amending section 45.12-.100, RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 45.12.100, RCW, as derived from section 19, chapter 175, Laws of 1895, section 1, chapter 269, Laws of 1927, section 1, chapter 226, Laws of 1941, and section 3, chapter 148, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

Powers of electors at town meetings.

The electors of each town shall have power, at their annual town meeting:

Pounds.

(1) To determine the number of poundmasters, and location of pounds.

Town officers.

(2) To select such town officers as are required to be chosen.

Legal actions.

(3) To direct the institution or defense of actions in all controversies where the town is interested.

Sums for legal expense.

(4) To direct such sums to be raised in the town for prosecuting or defending such actions as they may deem necessary.

Fences and impoundment.

(5) To make all rules and regulations for ascertaining the sufficiency of fences in the town and for impounding animals.

Domestic animals.

(6) To determine the time and manner in which certain domestic animals, including dogs, may be permitted to go at large.

Impose fines.

(7) To impose such penalties on persons offending against any rules and regulations established by the town, except such as relate to the keeping and maintaining of fences, as they think proper, not exceeding ten dollars for each offense, unless herein otherwise provided.

- (8) To apply such penalties, when collected, in such manner as they may deem conducive to the interests of the town. Proceeds from fines.
- (9) To vote to raise such sums of money as they deem necessary for the purchase, repair, maintenance, and operation of snow plows or snow removing equipment, appliances for the prevention of highway dust or debris, and highway lighting, all in cooperation with the state and county authorities. Sums for streets and highways.
- (10) To instruct by vote the board to purchase grounds for a town cemetery; to limit the price to be paid therefor, to raise a tax for payment thereon and to establish rules for the care and management thereof. Cemetery.
- (11) To make such bylaws and regulations as may be deemed conducive to the peace, good order and welfare of the town; to license, tax, regulate and control dogs, hawkers, peddlers, auctioneers, shows, theatricals, circuses, lawful games, merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, or other amusement devices or places of amusement. Bylaws and regulations.
- (12) To vote to levy a tax in such amount as in their judgment is necessary or advisable, but not to exceed four mills upon all taxable property in such townships, for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as river improvement fund. Levy taxes.

Passed the House February 10, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1953.