

CHAPTER 84.

[H. B. 80.]

DIKING DISTRICTS—DRAINAGE DISTRICTS—ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT relating to diking and drainage districts; and amending section 85.04.035, RCW.

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

Amendment. SECTION 1. Section 85.04.035, RCW, as derived from section 6, chapter 115, Laws of 1895, as last amended by section 1, chapter 104, Laws of 1949, and section 6, chapter 117, Laws of 1895, as last amended by section 1, chapter 103, Laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

Terms of office. The term of office of a district commissioner shall be six years and until his successor is elected and qualified, except those chosen at the first election, which shall be: The one receiving the highest number of votes shall serve six years, the second highest, four years, and the third highest, two years. The next election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of November in the even numbered years, and biennially thereafter. The term of office shall begin on the first Monday of January next.

The term of the commissioner elected to office in November, 1954, shall be for six years. There shall be no general district election held in the year 1955 and the commissioner whose term would have expired in 1955, but for the provisions of this act, shall continue in office until his successor is elected for a two year term at the general election to be held on the fourth Tuesday of November, 1956. The commissioner whose term expires in 1956 shall be elected for a six year term.

Election: conducted by board of county commissioners. Expenses. The election shall be conducted by the board of commissioners of such district, who shall prepare the ballot therefor. The expenses of the election shall be defrayed by the district, and the judges,

clerks, and inspectors of the election shall each receive two dollars per day for services so rendered.

At least thirty days before the election the district commissioners shall post notice thereof in four public places in the district, and publish notice of the election at least once in a legal newspaper published in the district, or if none is published therein, then in a legal newspaper in the county in which the district is situated. Such notice shall contain the names of the two judges and one inspector of the election, who shall be electors of the district appointed by the commissioners. The commissioners may declare the entire district as one precinct and shall designate in such notice the place of voting. If the district is large, the commissioners may designate in the notice of election the number and places of voting.

Notice.

Designation
of polls.

The commissioners shall meet on the day following the election and canvass the votes, declare the results, and issue certificates of election.

Canvass, etc.

Passed the House February 23, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.