

Proviso.

general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment: *Provided*, That any such balance remaining paid to a county of the eighth or ninth class shall first be applied to the reduction of any indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of such county during the year of payment.

Passed the House March 5, 1957.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1957.

CHAPTER 168.

[H. B. 536.]

ELECTIONS—OFFICIALS OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT relating to elections in first class cities; providing when such elections are to be held; changing the term of office of councilmen and certain elected officials; and adding two new sections to chapter 29.13 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 29.13 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Elections in first class cities under mayor-council government. Twelve councilmen charter.

All regular elections in first class cities having a mayor-council form of government whose charters provide for twelve councilmen elected for a term of two years, two being elected from each of six wards, and for the election of a mayor, treasurer, and comptroller for terms of two years, shall be held biennially, and shall be held on the second Tuesday of March in the even-numbered years. The term of each councilman, mayor, treasurer and comptroller shall be four years. The terms of the councilmen shall be so staggered that six councilmen shall be elected to office at each regular election.

All city officials and councilmen to be elected in the year 1958 shall be elected for a term of four years.

There shall be no primary or general municipal elections held in the year 1959 and the councilmen and officials whose terms would have expired in 1959, but for the provisions of this act, shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the regular election to be held on the second Tuesday in March, 1960.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 29.13 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All regular elections in first class cities having a mayor-council form of government whose charters provide for seven councilmen, one to be elected from each of six wards and one at large, for a term of two years, and for the election of a mayor, comptroller, treasurer and attorney for two years terms, shall be held on the second Tuesday of March on the even-numbered years. The terms of the six councilmen to be elected by wards shall be four years and the term of the councilman to be elected at large shall be two years. The terms of the councilmen shall be so staggered that three ward councilmen and the councilman at large shall be elected at each regular election. The term of the mayor, attorney, treasurer, and comptroller shall be four years.

All city officials and councilmen, except councilman at large, to be elected in the year 1958 shall be elected for a term of four years. There shall be no primary or general municipal election held in the year 1959 and the officials and councilmen whose terms would have expired in 1959, but for the provisions of this act, shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the next general election to be held on the second Tuesday of March, 1960.

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