

Elections under act.

SEC. 3. All elections with respect to any such port districts authorized by this act shall be held, conducted and the results canvassed in the same manner and at the same time as now or hereafter provided by law for other port districts.

Emergency.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 20, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 10, 1959.

CHAPTER 95.

[H. B. 170.]

STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE.

AN ACT relating to the statute law committee; amending section 1, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 1, chapter 235, Laws of 1955, and RCW 1.08.001; amending section 2, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 2, chapter 235, Laws of 1955, and RCW 1.08.003; amending section 11, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 and RCW 1.08.025; amending section 9, chapter 257, Laws of 1953 and RCW 1.08.026; amending section 17, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 3, chapter 5, Laws of 1955, and RCW 1.08.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

RCW 1.08.001 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 1, chapter 235, Laws of 1955, and RCW 1.08.001 are each amended to read as follows:

Permanent statute law committee created.

There is created a permanent statute law committee consisting of twelve lawyer members as follows: A lawyer member of the legislative council, ex officio, designated by the speaker of the house of

representatives, but if there is no such lawyer member, then an additional lawyer member of the house judiciary committee shall be so appointed; the chairman of the senate judiciary committee, ex officio, or a member thereof who belongs to the same political party as the chairman, and one other member thereof who belongs to the other major political party, to be appointed by the chairman; the chairman of the house judiciary committee, ex officio, or a member thereof who belongs to the same political party as the chairman, and one other member thereof who belongs to the other major political party, to be appointed by the chairman; five lawyers admitted to practice in this state, designated by the board of governors of the Washington State Bar Association; a judge of the supreme court or a lawyer who has been admitted to practice in this state, recommended by the chief justice of the supreme court; and a lawyer member at large appointed by the governor. All such designations or appointments, shall except as provided in RCW 1.08.003, be made as above provided prior to April 1, 1959.

Members.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 2, chapter 235, Laws of 1955, and RCW 1.08.003 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 1.08.003 amended.

The terms of the members designated by the State Bar Association, shall be for six years. The term of the member recommended by the chief justice shall be at the pleasure of the supreme court. The term of the governor's appointee shall be four years. The term of the senate and house judiciary committee members shall be two years, from April 1 following the adjournment of the regular session of the legislature in each odd-numbered year starting in 1955 and to and including the 31st day of March in the succeeding odd-numbered year.

Terms of members.

The term of any ex officio member, other than senate and house judiciary committee members shall expire upon expiration of tenure of the position by virtue of which he is a member of the committee. Vacancies shall be filled by designation, appointment, or ex officio in the same manner as for the member so vacating, and if a vacancy results other than from expiration of a term, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Filling
vacancies.

Of the members to be designated by the Washington State Bar Association, the term of one member shall expire March 31, 1959, the terms of two members shall expire March 31, 1961, the terms of two members shall expire March 31, 1963, and the term of one member shall expire March 31, 1965: *Provided*, That this 1959 amendment shall not affect the present terms of present members.

RCW 1.08.025
amended.

SEC. 3. Section 11, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 and RCW 1.08.025 are each amended to read as follows:

Improvement
of statutes.

The committee, or the reviser with the approval of the committee, shall from time to time make written recommendations to the legislature concerning deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions in, and need for reorganization or revision of, the statutes, and shall prepare for submission to the legislature, legislation for the correction or removal of such deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions, or to otherwise improve the form or substance of any portion of the statute law of this state as the public interest or the administration of the subject may require.

Such or similar projects may also be undertaken at the request of the legislature, the legislative council, other legislative interim bodies and the judicial council and if such undertaking will not impede the other functions of the committee.

All such proposed legislation shall be annotated

so as to show the purposes, reasons, and history thereof.

SEC. 4. Section 9, chapter 257, Laws of 1953 and RCW 1.08.026 are each amended to read as follows:

The committee also shall examine the revised code and from time to time submit to the legislature proposals for enactment of the several titles, chapters and sections thereof, to the end that, as expeditiously as possible, the revised code, and each part thereof, shall constitute conclusive, rather than *prima facie* evidence of the law. Each such proposal shall be accompanied by explanatory matter. The committee may hold hearings concerning any such proposal or concerning recommendations formulated or to be formulated in accordance with RCW 1.08.025. Proposals or recommendations approved by the committee shall be submitted to the chairman of the house or senate judiciary committee at the commencement of the next succeeding session of the legislature.

RCW 1.08.026 amended.

Examination of code—Hearings—Recommendations to legislature.

SEC. 5. Section 17, chapter 157, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 3, chapter 5, Laws of 1955, and RCW 1.08.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature in amending or repealing laws shall include in such act references to the code numbers of the law affected. The reviser shall assign code numbers to such permanent and general laws as are hereafter enacted at any legislative session.

RCW 1.08.050 amended.

Use of code numbers.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

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