

amount of funds raised from each county by the district, and the ability of the counties to make further use of such property or equipment for library purposes. Printed material which the state librarian finds will not be used by any of the participating counties for further library purposes shall be turned over to the state library.

SEC. 6. School district public libraries organized under chapter 119, Laws of 1935, as amended prior to this 1965 amendatory act, are hereby abolished as of January 1, 1966.

School district public libraries abolished—Disposition of assets.

All assets belonging to any school district public library abolished by this section shall go to the rural county library district of the county in which the school district public library is located.

SEC. 7. Section 2, chapter 108, Laws of 1939 and RCW 27.12.230 are each repealed.

Repeal.

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## CHAPTER 123.

[ Senate Bill No. 296. ]

### ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to elections; amending sections 29.04.020, 29.13.010, 29.13.020, 29.13.040, 29.13.045, 29.13.050, and 29.21.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.04.020, 29.13.010, 29.13.020, 29.13.040, 29.13.045, 29.13.050 and 29.21.010; adding a new section to chapter 28.58 RCW; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts and RCW sections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.04.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.04.020 amended.

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County audi-  
tor designated  
supervisor of  
certain  
elections.

The county auditor of each county shall be ex officio the supervisor of all elections, general or special, and it shall be his duty to provide places for holding such elections; to appoint the precinct election officers; to provide for their compensation; to provide ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, poll books and tally sheets, and deliver them to the precinct election officers at the polling places; to publish and post notices of calling such elections in the manner provided by law, and to apportion to each city, town, or district, its share of the expense of such elections: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to general or special elections for any city, town, or district which is not subject to RCW 29.13.010 and RCW 29.13.020, but all such elections shall be held and conducted at the time, in the manner, and by the officials (with such notice, requirements for filing for office, and certifications by local officers) as provided and required by the laws governing such elections.

RCW 29.13.010  
amended.

SEC. 2. Section 29.13.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Time for hold-  
ing elections,  
primaries.  
Election by  
district con-  
stituencies or  
larger.

All state, county, city, town, and district general elections for the election of federal, state, legislative, judicial, county, city, town, district and precinct officers, and for the submission to the voters of the state of any measure for their adoption and approval or rejection, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year in which they may be called: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed as fixing the time for holding primary elections, or elections for the recall of county, city, town, or district officers; nor special elections to fill vacancies in any state office, or in the membership of either branch of the congress of the United States: *Provided further*, That the board of county

commissioners may, if they deem an emergency to exist, call a special county election at any time by presenting a resolution to the county auditor at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date. Such county special election shall be noticed and conducted in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 3. Section 29.13.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.13.020  
amended.

All city, town, and district general elections, except as hereinafter provided, shall be held throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years: *Provided*, That there shall be no general city or town elections held under the provisions of the 1963 elections act as amended until 1967, and the positions that would have been voted upon in the year 1966, except for the provisions of the 1963 elections act as amended, shall be voted upon at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the year 1967 and each two years thereafter. All city and town elections to be held in 1964 under existing law shall be conducted as though the provisions of the 1963 elections act had not been enacted. All city and town officers elected in 1964 shall remain in office for their regular term and until their successors are elected and qualified under the provisions of the 1963 elections act.

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—Special  
elections.

There shall be no regular district elections held in the years 1964, 1966, 1968, and 1970, and the positions that would have been voted upon, except for the provisions of the 1963 elections act as amended, in the years 1964, 1966, 1968, and 1970 shall be voted upon at the general elections to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the years 1965, 1967, 1969, and 1971, respectively and each two years thereafter.

There shall be no regular school district elections

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elections.

held on the second Tuesday in March in the years 1965, 1967, and 1969 and the position that would have been voted upon, except for the provisions of the 1963 elections act as amended, shall be voted upon at the general elections to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the years 1965, 1967, and 1969 respectively and each two years thereafter.

The purpose of this section is to change the time of holding all general city, town, and district elections to a common election date, throughout the state of Washington being the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years.

All incumbent city, town, or district officers whose terms would have expired, except for the provisions of the 1963 elections act as amended, shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

This section shall not apply to:

(1) Elections for the recall of city, town, or district officers,

(2) Public utility districts, or district elections whereat the ownership of property within said districts is a prerequisite to voting, all of which elections shall be held at the times prescribed in the laws specifically applicable thereto.

The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city, town or district, presented to him at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date, may, if he deems an emergency to exist, call a special election at any time in such city, town, or district and for the purpose of such special election he may combine, unite or divide precincts. Such special election shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 4. Section 29.13.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.040 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.13.040 amended.

All elections, whether special or general, held under RCW 29.13.010 and RCW 29.13.020 as now or hereafter amended, shall be conducted by the county auditor as ex officio county supervisor of elections and except as provided in RCW 29.62.100 the returns thereof shall be canvassed by the county canvassing board.

Conduct of elections under RCW 29.13.010 and 29.13.020—Canvass.

SEC. 5. Section 29.13.045, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.045 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.13.045 amended.

Every city, town, and district shall be liable for its proportionate share of the costs when such elections are held in conjunction with other elections held under RCW 29.13.010 and RCW 29.13.020.

Constituencies to bear election costs or share of—Recovery procedure.

Whenever any city, town, or district shall hold any primary or election, general or special, on an isolated date, all costs of such elections shall be borne by the city, town, or district concerned.

The purpose of this section is to clearly establish that the county is not responsible for any costs involved in the holding of any city, town, or district election.

In recovering such election expenses, including a reasonable pro-ration of administrative costs, the county auditor shall certify the cost to the county treasurer with a copy to the clerk or auditor of the city, town, or district concerned. Upon receipt of such certification, the county treasurer shall make the transfer from any available and appropriate city, town, or district funds to the county current expense fund or to the county election reserve fund if such a fund is established. Each city, town, or district shall be promptly notified by the county treasurer whenever such transfer has been completed: *Provided, however,* That in those districts wherein a

treasurer, other than the county treasurer, has been appointed such transfer procedure shall not apply but the district shall promptly issue its warrant for payment of election costs.

RCW 29.13.050 amended.

SEC. 6. Section 29.13.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections. City, town or district. Commencement of terms of officers elected —Organization of district board of directors.

The term of every city, town, and district officer elected to office on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years shall begin as of noon on the second Monday in January following his election: *Provided*, That school directors and any person elected to less than a full term shall assume office as soon as the election returns have been certified.

Persons elected to office at the first regular elections held under the provisions of the 1963 elections act as amended shall assume office as soon as the election returns have been certified.

Each board of directors of every district shall be organized at the first meeting held after one or more newly elected directors take office.

RCW 29.21.010 amended.

SEC. 7. Section 29.21.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.21.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Primaries in first, second and third class cities.

All primaries for all cities of the first, second and third class, irrespective of type or form of government shall be non-partisan and held as provided in RCW 29.13.070. All names of candidates to be voted upon at city primary elections shall be printed upon the official primary ballot alphabetically in groups under the designation of the respective titles of the offices for which they are candidates. The name of the person who receives the greatest number of votes and of the person who receives the next greatest number of votes for each position, shall appear in that order on the municipal general election ballot

under the designation for each respective office. In the event there are two or more offices to be filled for the same position, then names of candidates receiving the highest number of votes equal in number to twice the offices to be filled shall appear on the municipal general election ballot so that the voter shall have a choice of two candidates for each position: *Provided*, That no name of any candidate shall appear on the city general election ballot unless said candidate shall receive at least ten percent of the total votes cast for that office. The sequence of names of candidates printed on the municipal general election ballot shall be in relation to the number of votes each candidate received at the primary. Names of candidates printed upon the municipal primary and general election ballot need not be rotated.

SEC. 8. There is added to chapter 28.58 RCW a New section.  
new section to read as follows:

All school district elections, regular or special, shall be conducted according to the election laws of the state of Washington as contained in Title 29 RCW, and in the event of a conflict as to the application of the laws of this title or Title 29 RCW, the latter shall prevail. Conduct of school district elections—Prevailing law.

SEC. 9. The following acts or parts of acts and Repeal.  
RCW sections are each hereby repealed:

(1) Section 3, page 351, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 16, chapter 90, Laws of 1919 and RCW 28.59.230;

(2) Section 5, page 352, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 18, chapter 90, Laws of 1919 and RCW 28.59.250;

(3) Section 6, page 352, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 19, chapter 90, Laws of 1919 and RCW 28.59.260;

(4) Section 3, page 352, Laws of 1909 as amended

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by section 20, chapter 90, Laws of 1919 and RCW 28-59.270;

(5) Section 12, page 356, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 21, chapter 90, Laws of 1919 and RCW 28-59.280;

(6) Section 13, page 356, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 22, chapter 90, Laws of 1919 and RCW 28-59.290;

(7) Section 4, page 347, Laws of 1909 as amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1933 and RCW 28-63.260;

(8) Section 5, page 348, Laws of 1909 and RCW 28.63.270;

(9) Section 6, page 348, Laws of 1909 and RCW 28.63.280;

(10) Section 7, page 349, Laws of 1909 and RCW 28.63.290;

(11) Section 1, chapter 257, Laws of 1951 and RCW 28.63.300;

(12) Sections 29.13.030, 29.21.030 and 29.21.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.030, 29.21.030 and 29.21.050.

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