

CHAPTER 154.

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 74.]

DIKING AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS—IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to diking districts, drainage districts, diking and/or drainage improvement districts, improvement districts; and adding a new chapter to Title 85 RCW amending section 48, chapter 72, Laws of 1937 and RCW 86.09.142; amending section 87, chapter 72, Laws of 1937 and RCW 86.09.259; and amending section 100, chapter 72, Laws of 1937 and RCW 86.09.298.

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

New chapter to Title 85.

Section 1. There is added to Title 85 RCW a new chapter to consist of sections 2 through 4 of this act.

Diking, drainage, or improvement districts—Consolidation authorized.

Sec. 2. Any two or more diking districts, two or more drainage districts, or two or more diking and/or drainage improvement districts, heretofore organized or which may hereafter be organized pursuant to any of the laws of the state of Washington desiring to consolidate into one district may upon petition signed by the owners of real property representing a majority of the acreage therein to the governing body of the respective districts, or, in the alternative, by resolution of a majority of the members of the governing body of each district, effect such consolidation by the governing body of said district so desiring to consolidate, giving thirty days notice of an election for such purpose to be held in each of said districts, setting forth in said notice the date of said election and the object of the same, said notice to be given and posted as notice of the annual election of members of the governing body within said district, and if no provision is made for the giving of such notice, then as provided in the general diking law, and then publication of the same for at least three successive issues in a weekly newspa-

per published in the county in which such districts are located and of general circulation in said districts: *Provided*, That where there is no newspaper so published or circulated, then publication of the notice of said election may be dispensed with.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or interfere with the existing power or authority presently held by any of said districts to consolidate one with another.

Implementation of a consolidation pursuant hereto and future repair, improvement or maintenance of any district system may be as provided for consolidated diking districts in RCW 85.05.570 et seq. through RCW 85.05.600 and such provisions thereof as can be made applicable shall fully apply to consolidation of any districts therein provided for.

Sec. 3. In the exercise of their management and duties, the governing body of any diking district, drainage district, diking and/or drainage improvement district or other improvement district organized pursuant to the laws of this state shall hereafter be authorized to enter into contracts concerning service or other proper district business with any other such diking district, drainage district, diking and/or drainage improvement district, or other improvement district. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or otherwise interfere with the powers or authority now held by any of said districts.

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districts.
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Sec. 4. For the purpose of proportionately assessing the benefits of any project constructed, maintained, or operated by any diking district or drainage district, benefit assessments proportioned in a direct relationship to the assessed valuation as last equalized for general tax purposes of the lands benefited shall be deemed prima facie to be fair and

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correct valuations against which annual millage shall be levied.

Construction of act.

Sec. 5. The provisions of this act are cumulative with and shall not amend, repeal or supersede any other powers heretofore or hereafter granted such districts.

RCW 86.09.142 amended.

Sec. 6. Section 48, chapter 72, Laws of 1937 and RCW 86.09.142 are each amended to read as follows:

Directors, number—Consolidated districts, directors, number.

Upon the creation of the district as aforesaid, the state director shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to appoint three qualified electors of the district to act as the first directors therefor: *Provided*, That when a new district is created by consolidation pursuant to the provisions of this 1967 amendatory act, the director shall appoint five qualified electors of the district to act as the first directors thereof.

RCW 86.09.250 amended.

Sec. 7. Section 87, chapter 72, Laws of 1937 and RCW 86.09.259 are each amended to read as follows:

Flood control directors—Consolidated districts.

Flood control districts shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of three members: *Provided*, That when a new district is created by consolidation pursuant to the provisions of this 1967 amendatory act, there shall be five directors. The directors shall organize as a board each year, after any new members have qualified and shall elect a chairman from their number and appoint a secretary to hold office at its pleasure and who shall keep a record of its proceedings.

RCW 86.09.298 amended.

Sec. 8. Section 100, chapter 72, Laws of 1937 and RCW 86.09.298 are each amended to read as follows:

First district election.

At the first annual district election, the terms of the office of director shall be one, two and three years. At said election candidates shall be elected for each of said terms of office. One candidate shall be elected to serve for one, two, and three years

respectively: *Provided*, That when a new district is created by consolidation pursuant to the provisions of this 1967 amendatory act, one candidate shall be elected to serve for one year, two candidates shall be elected to serve for two years, and two candidates shall be elected to serve for three years respectively.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1967.

Passed the House March 7, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 155.

[Senate Bill No. 184.]

LIENS—TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to liens; and authorizing a lien for towing and storage of vehicles.

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

Section 1. Every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of towing motor vehicles who shall make an advance or advances for the towing, transportation or storage of any motor vehicle whether by contract or at the direction of any public officer, shall have a lien upon such vehicle so long as the same remains in his possession, for the charges for such towing, transportation or storage. It shall be lawful for such person, firm or corporation to cause such motor vehicle to be sold as herein provided.

Liens—Towing and storage of vehicles—Creation.

Sec. 2. If such motor vehicle upon which charges may be due and unpaid shall have remained uncalled for in storage for a period of fifteen days after such charges shall have become due, such motor vehicle may be sold by the person, firm or corpora-

Sale to enforce lien—Notice.