(Names of other candidates should follow on the ballot in the same form.)

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CHAPTER 19
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 8]
CEMETORIES

An act relating to cemetery districts; amending section 1, chapter 6,
Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 99, Laws of
1957, and RCW 68.16.010; amending section 13, chapter 6, Laws
of 1947 as last amended by section 2, chapter 23, Laws of 1959
and RCW 68.16.130; amending section 7, chapter 53, Laws of
1961 and RCW 45.80.070; and amending section 8, chapter 53,
Laws of 1961 and RCW 45.80.080.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Washington:
Section 1. Section 1, chapter 6, Laws of 1947 as last amended
by section 1, chapter 99, Laws of 1957 and RCW 68.16.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Cemetery districts may be established in all counties (of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth classes) and on any island in any county, as in this chapter provided.

Sec. 2. Section 13, chapter 6, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 2, chapter 23, Laws of 1959 and RCW 68.16.130 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A cemetery district organized under this chapter shall have power to acquire, establish, maintain, manage, improve and operate cemeteries and conduct any and all of the businesses of a cemetery as defined in this title. A cemetery district shall constitute a cemetery authority as defined in this title and shall have and exercise all powers conferred thereby upon a cemetery authority and be subject to the provisions thereof.

(2) A cemetery district may include within its boundaries the lands embraced within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town up to and including third class cities in all counties (of the fourth class, or within the corporate limits of fourth class towns in the classes of counties enumerated in RCW 68.46.040) and in any such cases the district may acquire any cemetery or cemeteries theretofore maintained and operated by any such city or town and proceed to maintain, manage, improve and operate the same under the provisions hereof. In such event the governing body of the city or town, after the transfer takes place, shall levy no cemetery tax. The power of eminent domain heretofore conferred shall not extend to the condemnation of existing cemeteries within the district; PROVIDED. That no cemetery district shall operate a cemetery within the corporate limits of any city or town where there is a private cemetery operated for profit.

Sec. 3. Section 7, chapter 53, Laws of 1961 and RCW 45.80.070 are each amended to read as follows:

When an election has resulted in an affirmative vote to disorganize the townships in a county, the chairman of the board of county commissioners shall take the following actions in the order indicated:

First, he shall pay all lawful demands against the townships, and then file a final account together with all vouchers, with the clerk of the superior court;

Second, if prior to the election a tax levy has been made by one or more of the townships, for collection the year following the election, and if a pro rata reduction has been caused in the levy of any junior taxing district in the county which would not have been required had the township made no levy, the chairman shall order the
county treasurer to collect the township levy and to disburse to the junior taxing district whose levy was reduced by proration the sum of money by which its levy was so reduced; if the township levy is not sufficient for such payments, any available funds to the credit of the township shall be so paid;

Third, the chairman shall pay any remaining township funds to the county treasurer to be deposited to the credit of the several taxing districts of the county (except the state and county) in the following allocations: Each such taxing district of the county shall receive a share that bears the same proportion to the total amount as its assessed valuation within the township times its authorized levy last in process of collection (excepting excess levies) bears to the total assessed valuation of such taxing districts within the township times the total authorized levy (excepting excess levies) of such districts. Upon approval by the court of said final account the court shall sign proper orders dissolving said township;

Fourth, he shall transfer all cemetery properties, facilities, and funds, real and personal, together with all funds designated or intended for endowment care, perpetual care, or similar purposes to the cemetery authority succeeding to the operation and maintenance of such cemetery. All gifts and donations shall be applied strictly according to the requirements stipulated by the donor. Where donor has not otherwise specified, such funds shall be presumed to be endowment care funds within the meaning of chapter 68.40 RCW, and are to be devoted exclusively to the care, improvement, or embellishment of the cemetery or such other purposes authorized by RCW 68.40.060.

Sec. 4. Section 8, chapter 53, Laws of 1961 and RCW 45.80.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Cemetery real property, buildings, and the furnishings and equipment used in connection with the operation of a cemetery shall pass to the cemetery authority succeeding to the control, management, and operation of the cemetery. All other real property, buildings, and the furnishings and equipment used in connection with buildings owned by the township shall pass to the county in fee upon the effective date of the order of disorganization. Such property, as all other county property, shall be managed and controlled by the board of county commissioners: PROVIDED, That the board shall for at least five years maintain and operate township meeting halls for community and public use.

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