

publication in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at which special election the proposition authorizing such excess levies shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "no".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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#### CHAPTER 4

[Senate Bill No. 2021]

#### ELECTIONS--ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending section 29.13.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 123, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.13.010; amending section 29.39.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 5, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.39.030; amending section 29.42.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.42.030; amending section 29.42.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.42.040; amending section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.42.050; amending section 29.80.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.80.010; amending section 29.81.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 5, chapter 145, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.81.100; and adding new sections to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.13 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 29.13.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 123, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.13.010 are each amended to read as follows:

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. A

state-wide general election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each year: PROVIDED, That the state-wide general election held in odd-numbered years shall be limited to (1) city, town, and district general elections as provided for in RCW 29.13.020, or as otherwise provided by law; (2) the election of state and county officers for the remainder of any unexpired terms as provided for in Article II, section 15, Article III, section 10, and Article IV, sections 3 and 5 of the state Constitution; (3) the election of county officers in any county governed by a charter containing provisions calling for general county elections at this time; and (4) the approval or rejection of state measures, including proposed constitutional amendments, matters pertaining to any proposed constitutional convention, initiative measures and referendum measures proposed by the electorate, referendum bills, and any other matter provided by the legislature for submission to electorate: PROVIDED FURTHER, 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)) HOWEVER, 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.13 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever state measures are voted upon at a state general election held in November of an odd-numbered year as provided for in section 1 of this 1973 amendatory act, the state of Washington shall assume its prorated share of such election costs. The county auditor shall apportion the state's share of such expenses when prorating election costs as provided under RCW 29.04.020 and 29.13.045 and shall file such expense claims with the state auditor. The state auditor shall compile such claims for presentation to the next succeeding legislature in the same manner as other legislative relief claims.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.13 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever it shall be necessary to hold a special election in an odd-numbered year to fill an unexpired term of any office which is scheduled to be voted upon for a full term in an even-numbered year, no September primary election shall be held in the odd-numbered year if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, either of

the following circumstances exist:

(1) No more than one candidate of each qualified political party has filed a declaration of candidacy for the same partisan office to be filled; or

(2) No more than two candidates have filed a declaration of candidacy for a single non-partisan office to be filled.

In either event, the officer with whom the declarations of candidacy were filed shall immediately notify all candidates concerned and the names of the candidates that would have been printed upon the September primary ballot, but for the provisions of this section, shall be printed as nominees for the positions sought upon the November general election ballot.

Sec. 4. Section 29.39.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 5, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.39.030 are each amended to read as follows:

"Election" used alone means a general election except where the context indicates that a special election is meant or included. "Election" used without qualification never means a primary. ("Election" does not include a municipal election.)

In addition to the above, for the purpose of this chapter, the term "primary" means the ((state)) primary elections held on the third Tuesday in September of ((the even-numbered)) each year. The term "election" means the ((state)) general elections held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ((the even-numbered and the odd-numbered years: PROVIDED; HOWEVER; That the absentee ballots for service voters of such odd-numbered year election shall be restricted to state measures being submitted for approval or rejection)) each year.

The purpose of this section is to authorize absentee voters qualifying as service voters as defined by RCW 29.39.010, as now existing or hereafter amended, to cast the same ballots, including those for special elections, as any registered voter would receive under the provisions of RCW 29.36.030 for any September primary or November general election.

Sec. 5. Section 29.42.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.42.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The county central committee of each major political party shall consist of the precinct committeemen of the party from the several voting precincts of the county. This committee shall meet for the purpose of organization at the county court house at two o'clock p.m. on the second Saturday in December after each state general election in the even-numbered year unless some other time and place are designated by a sufficient notice to all the newly elected committeemen by the authorized officers of the retiring committee. For the purpose of this paragraph, a notice mailed at least

seventy-two hours prior to the date of the meeting shall constitute sufficient notice.

At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman who must be of opposite sexes; it shall also elect a state committeeman and a state committeewoman.

Sec. 6. Section 29.42.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.42.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Any member of a major political party who is a registered voter in the precinct may upon payment of a fee of one dollar file his declaration of candidacy with the county auditor for the office of precinct committeeman of his party in that precinct. When elected he shall serve so long as he remains an eligible voter in that precinct and until his successor has been elected at the next ensuing state general election in the even-numbered year.

Sec. 7. Section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.42.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The statutory requirements for filing as a candidate at the primaries shall apply to candidates for precinct committeeman except that the filing period for this office alone shall be extended to and include the Friday immediately following the last day for political parties to fill vacancies in the ticket as provided by RCW 29.18.150, and the office shall not be voted upon at the primaries, but the names of all candidates must appear under the proper party and office designations on the ballot for the general November election for each even-numbered year and the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected: PROVIDED, That to be declared elected, a candidate must receive at least ten percent of the number of votes cast for the candidate of his party receiving the greatest number of votes in his precinct. Any person elected to the office of precinct committeeman who has not filed a declaration of candidacy shall pay the fee of one dollar to the county auditor for a certificate of election. The term of office of precinct committeeman shall be for two years, commencing upon completion of the official canvass of votes by the county canvassing board of election returns. Should any vacancy occur in this office by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification of the incumbent, or because of failure to elect, the respective county chairman of the county central committee shall be empowered to fill such vacancy by appointment: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in legislative districts having a majority of its precincts in a class AA county, such appointment shall be made only upon the recommendation of the legislative district chairman: PROVIDED, That the person so appointed shall have the same qualifications as candidates when filing for election to such office for such precinct:

PROVIDED FURTHER, That when a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman exists because of failure to elect at a state general election, such vacancy shall not be filled until after the organization meeting of the county central committee and the new county chairman selected as provided by RCW 29.42.030.

Sec. 8. Section 29.80.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.80.010 are each amended to read as follows:

((There shall be mailed by the secretary of state to all voters of the state)) As soon as possible prior to each state general election at which federal or state officials are to be elected, the secretary of state shall publish and mail to each individual place of residence of the state a candidates' pamphlet containing photographs and campaign statements of eligible nominees who desire to participate therein; PROVIDED, That in odd-numbered years no candidate's pamphlet shall be published.

Sec. 9. Section 29.81.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 5, chapter 145, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.81.100 are each amended to read as follows:

As soon as possible prior to any state general election at which any initiative ((or)) measure, referendum measure, or amendment to the state Constitution is to be submitted to the people, the secretary of state shall cause to be printed in pamphlet form a true copy of the serial designation ((and)) or number, the ballot title, the legislative title, if any, the full text of and the arguments for and arguments against each such measure ((including amendments to the Constitution proposed by the legislature)) to be submitted to the people, and such other information pertaining to elections as may be required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is deemed informative to the voters.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 5

[Senate Bill No. 2055]

DRIVERS' LICENSES--OCCUPATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

AN ACT Relating to drivers' licenses; and adding a new section to