safety, the support of the state government and its existing public
institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 17
[House Bill No. 1273]
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—VACANCIES

AN ACT Relating to fire commissioners; and amending section 26,
chapter 34, Laws of 1939 as amended by section 1, chapter

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

Section 1. Section 26, chapter 34, Laws of 1939 as amended by
section 1, chapter 153, Laws of 1971 ex. sess and RCW 52.12.050 are
each amended to read as follows:

In case of vacancy occurring in the office of fire
commissioner, such vacancy shall within thirty days be filled by
appointment of a resident elector of the district by the county
legislative authority (board of county commissioners) and the
person appointed shall serve until his successor has been elected or
appointed and has qualified. At the next general election, if there
is sufficient time for the nomination of candidates for office of
fire commissioner as herein provided, after the filling of any
vacancy in such office as aforesaid, there shall be elected a fire
commissioner to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. If a
fire commissioner is absent from the district for three consecutive
regularly scheduled meetings unless by permission of the board his
office shall be declared vacant by the board of county commissioners
and such vacancy shall be filled as provided for in this section but
provided that no such action shall be taken unless he is notified by
mail after two consecutive unexcused absences that his position will
be declared vacant if he is absent without being excused from the
next regularly scheduled meeting.

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