CHAPTER 293.

[S. H. B. 245.]

CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

An Acr relating to the consolidation of certain cities and amending Sections 8909 and 8910 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 647, Pierce's Code. Section 1. That section 8909 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Procedure for consolidation of municipal corporations.

Petition.

Election.

Section 8909. Two or more contiguous municipal corporations may become consolidated into one corporation after proceedings had as required in this chapter. The council or other legislative body, of either of such corporations, shall upon receiving a petition therefor, signed by not less than one-fifth of the qualified electors of each of such corporations, as shown by the votes cast at the last municipal election held in each of such corporations, within ninety days after receiving such petition, submit to the electors of each of such corporations the question whether such corporations shall become consolidated into one corporation. Such legislative body shall designate a day upon which a special election shall be held in each of such corporations to determine whether such consolidation shall be effected, and shall give written notice thereof to the council or other legislative body of each of the other of such corporations which notice shall designate the name of a proposed new corporation. It shall thereupon be the duty of such legislative body of each of the corporations so proposed to be consolidated to give notice of such election by publication in a newspaper, printed and published in such corporations, for a period of four weeks prior to such election.

Publication notice.

notice shall distinctly state the proposition to be submitted, the names of the corporations so proposed to be consolidated, the name of the proposed new corporation, and the class to which such proposed new corporation will belong and shall invite the electors Ballots. to vote upon such proposition by placing upon their ballots the words "For consolidation," or "Against consolidation," or words equivalent thereto. case either or both of such corporations are operating under the commission form of government there shall also be submitted at such election the question of the form of government under which the new corporation shall be organized and operated, and the electors shall be invited to vote upon such proposition by placing upon their ballots the words, "For commission form of government," or the words, "For councilmanic form of government," or words equivalent thereto.

Commission government.

That section 8910 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as Code. follows:

Section 8910. The legislative bodies of each of such corporations shall meet in joint convention at the usual place of meeting of the legislative body of that one of the corporations having the largest population, as shown by the last state census, on the votes Monday next succeeding the day of such election, and proceed to canvass the votes cast thereat. The votes cast in each of such corporations shall be canvassed separately; and if it shall appear upon such canvass that a majority of the votes cast in each of such corporations shall be for consolidation, such joint convention, by an order entered upon their minutes, shall cause the clerk or other officer performing the Abstract duties of clerk, of the legislative body at whose place of meeting such joint convention was held, to make a certified abstract of such vote, which abstract shall

canvassed.

Abstract

Special election for officers.

When officers not elected until next general election. show the whole number of electors voting at such election in each of such corporations the number of votes cast in each for consolidation, and the number of votes cast in each against consolidation. the question of form of government has been submitted to the electors the votes on said proposition shall be canvassed in like manner as to the vote in each of said corporations and the result of such canvass shall be included in the said certified ab-Such abstract shall be recorded upon the stract. minutes of the legislative body of each of such corporations, and immediately upon the record thereof, it shall be the duty of the clerk, or other officer performing the duties of clerk of each of such legislative bodies, to transmit to the secretary of state a certified copy of such abstract. Immediately after such filing the legislative body of that one of such corporations having the greatest population, as shown by the last state or national census shall call a special election, to be held in such new corporation, for the election of the officers required by law to be elected in corporations of the class and form of government to which such new corporation shall belong: which election shall be held within six months thereafter. Such election shall be called and conducted in all respects in the manner prescribed, or that may hereafter be prescribed by law for municipal elections in corporations of such class, and shall be canvassed by the legislative body so calling the same, who shall immediately declare the result thereof and cause the same to be entered upon their journal. that if the next regular election of officers in cities of the class and form of government of such new corporation will be held within one year and not less than two months from the date of said consolidation election then the officers of such new corporation shall be elected at the said next regular election.

This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency. preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 3, 1927. Passed the Senate March 8, 1927. Approved by the Governor March 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 294.

[H. B. 260.]

SALE OF CONVICT-MADE GOODS.

An Act relating to the sale and exposure and display for sale of convict-made goods, wares and merchandise,

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

Section 1. No person, firm or corporation shall within this state, sell or offer, keep, expose, or display for sale any goods, wares or merchandise, made infected and labeled. wholly or in part by convict labor in any penitentiary, prison, reformatory or other establishment outside the State of Washington in which convict labor is employed, unless such commodity has first in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state department of health, been properly disinfected and unless such convict-made goods, wares or merchandise offered, kept, exposed or displayed for sale are permanently, plainly and legibly labeled with the words, "These goods are convict-made" in plain, bold letters, followed by the name of the penitentiary, prison, reformatory or other establishment in which the goods, wares or merchandise were made; Provided, That when advertised in any peri- Advertising odical or publication the wording herein required to disclose goods shall appear in type and/or letters conforming in made. size and shape to those used in the general text of said periodical or publication.

May not sell convictmade goods until dis-