CHAPTER 167.

ELECTIONS-REGISTRATION BY MAIL.

An Act relating to registration of voters, providing for registering voters by mail and amending chapter 1, Laws of 1933, by adding a new section to be known as section 12a.

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

Amendment. Section 1. Chapter 1, Laws of 1933, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 12a, which shall read as follows:

Section 12a. Any citizen possessing the qualifications of an elector may register to vote by mail in the following manner:

He shall mail a signed request, giving his legal residence, to the registrar of voters of the precinct in which such legal residence is situated. No such request shall be honored unless it originates and is posted in the county in which the applicant's precinct is located.

Registration by mail. The registrar, on receipt of such signed request, shall forward to the applicant at the address of his legal residence a printed interrogatory containing the oath and questions prescribed in section 11 of this act, together with the cards and oaths prescribed in section 12 of this act, with appropriate printed instructions, and the applicant shall execute the same before any notary public in and for the State of Washington, or any other officer authorized to acknowledge deeds, who shall attest such execution and oaths without charge. The documents so signed and attested shall then be returned to the registrar by mail in an envelope on which postage has been prepaid by said registrar.

Upon receipt of said documents, duly executed, the registrar shall proceed to enter such applicant upon his records as a registered voter.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1945. Passed the House March 7, 1945. Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.