

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

Passed the House July 18, 1950.

Passed the Senate July 19, 1950.

Approved by the Governor July 24, 1950.

CHAPTER 18.

[H. B. 15.]

CLASSIFICATION OF SEVENTH, EIGHTH, AND NINTH CLASS COUNTIES.

AN ACT providing a method for the classification of seventh, eighth and ninth class counties; providing for a referendum thereon, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. No change from the 1940 census in the classification of seventh, eighth and ninth class counties as provided by section 1, chapter 200, Laws of 1949 (sec. 4200-5a, Rem. 1949 Supp.) and section 1, chapter 26, Laws of 1941 (sec. 4200-1a, Rem. 1941 Supp.) shall occur until the board of county commissioners of each such respective county shall make an order reclassifying such county: *Provided*, That such order shall be made within ninety (90) days after the issuance of the Federal Official Preliminary Estimate of the population for such county: *Provided, further*, That if no order of reclassification be made by the board of county commissioners, then and in such event, the Federal Official Preliminary Estimate or the Final Certificate of the Census of 1950 shall be considered as showing the actual population of such county.

Order of re-classification.

Population if no order made.

Order not effective for sixty days.

Referendum petition.

SEC. 2. Such order of reclassification shall not become effective until sixty (60) days after such order is made. During such period of sixty (60) days a referendum may be commenced by a petition filed

by the qualified electors of the county in numbers equal to or exceeding fifteen per centum (15%) of the whole number of electors of such county who voted for Governor at the regular gubernatorial election last preceding and such petition shall within sixty (60) days of date of such order be filed in the office of the auditor of said county.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing of such petition, the county auditor shall canvass the signatures thereon in order to determine whether or not said petition contains the requisite signatures aforescribed and upon ascertaining that fact the county auditor shall certify said petition. Thereafter such order shall be placed upon the ballot at the next general election to be held in the county.

Canvass of
petition.

Order to
be placed on
ballot.

SEC. 4. This 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.

Emergency.

Passed the House July 20, 1950.

Passed the Senate July 21, 1950.

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CHAPTER 19.

[H. B. 25.]

EXTERMINATION OF RODENTS.

AN ACT relating to injurious rodents; providing methods for their extermination; and amending section 13, Chapter 140, Laws of 1921 (sec. 2800, Rem. Rev. Stat.).

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

SECTION 1. Section 13, Chapter 140, Laws of 1921 (sec. 2800, Rem. Rev. Stat.), is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.