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sors have been elected and qualified. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Commissioners to serve until the next biennial election. At that election, if the term has not expired, a successor shall be elected to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term.

Passed the House March 4, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

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CHAPTER 228.

[ H. B. 285. ]

HOSPITALS—COUNTIES AND CITIES.

AN ACT relating to and regulating the establishment, maintenance and operation of hospitals by counties, and counties and cities jointly; and amending section 1, chapter 174, Laws of 1925, Ex. Ses. (sec. 6090-1, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 636-1, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 174, Laws of 1925, Ex. Ses. (sec. 6090-1, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 636-1, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Board of County Commissioners may establish hospitals.

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of any county shall have the power to establish, provide and maintain almshouses and hospitals for the care and treatment of the indigent, sick, injured and maternity cases, and for this purpose said Board of County Commissioners shall have the following powers: To purchase or lease real property therefor or to use for this purpose lands already owned by the county providing such site shall first be approved by the State Board of Health; to erect all necessary buildings, make all necessary improvements and repairs and alter any existing building for the use of said hospitals: *Provided*, That such

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buildings be separate and apart from those designated as almshouses or county infirmaries: *Provided, further,* That the plans for such erection or alteration shall first be approved by the State Board of Health; to use county moneys, levy taxes and to issue bonds as authorized by law, to raise a sufficient amount of money to cover the cost of procuring the site, constructing and operating hospitals and for the maintenance thereof and all other necessary and proper expenses herein authorized for shall be paid; to authorize said hospital to be a member of and maintain membership in any local, state or national group or association organized and operated for the promotion of the public health and welfare or the advancement of the efficiency of hospital administration and in connection therewith to use tax funds for the payment of dues and fees; to appoint a board of trustees for said hospital, as hereinafter provided, to accept and hold in trust for the county any grant of land, gift or bequest of money or any donation for the benefit of the purposes of this act, and apply same in accordance with the terms of the gift. Any number of counties or any county and any city in which the county seat of the county may be situated may contract one with the other for the joint purchase, acquisition, ownership, control and disposition of land and other property suitable as a site for a county hospital. Therefore, the joint construction, ownership, control, management and disposition of a building or buildings thereon for the use of such county and city as a county and city hospital, and such county or city now owning a site, or any interest therein, or a site with buildings thereon, may upon such terms as may appear fair and just to the Board of County Commissioners of such county or to the City Council or Commission or other governing body of such city contract with reference to the joint ownership, acquisition, leasing, control, im-

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provement and occupation of such property, as herein provided. For the purposes of this act the word hospital shall be deemed to include almshouses.

Passed the House March 3, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

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## CHAPTER 229.

[ H. B. 303. ]

### MINIMUM VOTES—PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to Public Hospital Districts; providing the minimum vote to form such a district; and amending section 5, chapter 264, Laws of 1945 (sec. 6090-34, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 736-72 (59), PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 264, Laws of 1945 (sec. 6090-34, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 736-72 (59), PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. The provisions of chapter 1, Laws of 1931, relating to elections, vacancies, procedures of the commission and boundaries and consolidation of public utility districts shall govern public hospital districts created under this act: *Provided*, That the total vote cast upon the proposition to form the district shall exceed forty per cent (40%) of the total number of votes cast in the precincts comprising the district at the next preceding general state and county election, and: *Provided*, That Public Hospital District Commissioners shall hold office for the term of six (6) years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, each term to commence on the second Monday in January in each year following the election thereto. At the same election at which the proposition is submitted to the voters as to whether a Public Hospital District shall be formed,

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