

ordinance, provide for the application and enforcement of the same within the limitations herein specified.

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## CHAPTER 204.

[H. B. 170.]

### PORT DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to port district elections and amending Section 3½ of Chapter 92 of the Laws of 1911, added by Section 3, of Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1913.

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

SECTION 1. That section 3½ of chapter 92 of the Laws of 1911, added by section 3 of chapter 62, Laws of 1913, pages 208-210, (section 9691 of Remington's Compiled Statutes; section 4474 of Pierce's 1919 Code) be amended to read as follows:

Statutes amended.

Section 3½. A general election shall be held on the first Saturday in December of each year for the election of a port commissioner or commissioners and for the submission of propositions, and special elections shall be held at such times and for such purposes as the port commission may by resolution prescribe, subject to the limitations and pursuant to the requirements of this act. All elections shall be called and held as in this section provided except as in this act otherwise expressly provided. All notices of election shall be given by publishing the same for a period of ten days in a daily newspaper of general circulation published in said port district, or, if there is no daily newspaper published therein, then in at least two issues of a weekly newspaper published in said port district, such publication to be

Time of general port district elections.

Special elections.

Notices of election.

made within a period of twenty (20) days immediately preceding such election; and by posting, for at least ten (10) days prior to the date of election, a written or printed notice of such election in each polling place within such port district. The published notice shall give the time of holding the election, the hours the polls will remain open, the officer or officers to be elected, and a statement of the propositions to be submitted, and the posted notices shall, in addition, give the location of the polling places.

Polling places.

When only one polling place.

Election officers.

When polls open.

Who may vote.

Registration books delivered to port election officers.

There shall be not less than one polling place in each of the various wards of any incorporated city within such port district, and one polling place within each precinct of each port district not within the limits of any incorporated city: *Provided*, That the commissioners of any port district having a population of less than two hundred and fifty registered voters, may, by resolution, provide that all elections of said district be held at one central polling place to be designated by them. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners in the formation of a port district, and of the port commission in all subsequent elections, to, at least twenty (20) days before each election, designate the polling places and appoint three election officers for each place of voting. At all elections the vote shall be by ballot. The polls shall be open between such hours of the day as the commission shall designate, but in every case the polls shall be open between one o'clock p. m. and eight o'clock p. m. All electors who are, at the time of such election, duly qualified to vote within their respective precincts under the general election laws for state and county officers shall be entitled to vote at any election held in such port district.

Officers of the city and county having charge of the registration books of any city or precinct in a port district shall deliver the same for the use of the election officers at all port elections. In the event of

such registration books being required by law to be used by any school district or other public corporation at the same time as the use thereof will be necessary by the port district, such books shall be delivered to the port commission and school district or other public corporation jointly, and the same polling places and registration books may be used jointly in such cases, and the same individuals may serve as election officers for all such joint elections, and in such cases the compensation of such election officers and other expense shall be so divided that the port district shall bear only its proportionate share thereof.

Joint use of registration books in port and school elections.

The manner of conducting and voting at elections under this act, opening and closing of polls, keeping of poll lists, canvassing the votes, declaring the result, and certifying the returns, shall be the same as provided by the general election laws governing the election of state and county officers, except as otherwise provided in this act.

General election laws to apply.

Immediately after the closing of the polls the election officers shall then and there, without removing the ballot box from the place where the ballots were cast, proceed to count the votes, and as soon as such count is completed a return thereof shall be signed by such election officers and securely enveloped and sealed and delivered, together with the ballot box containing the ballots, to the port commission, or some person delegated to receive the same on their behalf.

Counting ballots.

Returns.

Within five days after the election, the port commission shall meet and proceed to canvass the returns of such election, and shall thereupon declare the result.

Canvassing returns.

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