

CHAPTER 129.

[S. B. 397.]

CHANGES IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION.

AN ACT relating to education, prescribing procedure in connection with changes in school district organization and amending section 19, chapter 266, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 4, chapter 395, Laws of 1955 and RCW 28.57.070; and declaring an emergency.

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

RCW 28.57.070 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 19, chapter 266, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 4, chapter 395, Laws of 1955 and RCW 28.57.070 are each amended to read as follows:

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Upon receipt by the county committee of such notice from the state board as is required in RCW 28.57.060 (2), the county superintendent shall make an order establishing all approved changes involving the alteration of the boundaries of an established school district or districts and all approved terms of adjustment of assets and liabilities involving an established district or districts the boundaries of which have been or are hereafter altered in the manner provided by law, and shall certify his action to the county auditor for the board of county commissioners, and to the county treasurer, the county assessor and the clerks of all school districts affected by such action. Upon receipt of such certification the clerk of each school district which is annexed to another district by the action shall deliver to the proper school district officer of the district all books, papers, documents, records, and other materials pertaining to his office.

Whenever adjustments of bonded indebtedness are made between or among school districts in connection with the alteration of the boundaries thereof, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the order of the county superintendent establishing the terms

of adjustment of bonded indebtedness shall provide and specify:

(1) In every case where bonded indebtedness is transferred from one school district to another school district (a) that such bonded indebtedness is assumed by the school district to which it is transferred; (b) that thereafter such bonded indebtedness shall be the obligation of the school district to which it is transferred; (c) that, if the terms of adjustment so provide, any bonded indebtedness thereafter incurred by such transferee school district through the sale of bonds authorized prior to the date its boundaries were altered shall be the obligation of such school district including the territory added thereto; and (d) that taxes shall be levied thereafter against the taxable property located within such school district as it is constituted after its boundaries were altered, said taxes to be levied at the times and in the amounts required to pay the principal of and the interest on the bonded indebtedness assumed or incurred as aforesaid, as the same become due and payable.

In computing the debt limitation of any school district from which or to which bonded indebtedness has been transferred as aforesaid, the amount of such transferred bonded indebtedness at any time outstanding (a) shall be an offset against and deducted from the total bonded indebtedness, if any, of the school district from which such bonded indebtedness was transferred and (b) shall be deemed to be bonded indebtedness solely of the transferee school district that assumed such indebtedness.

(2) In every case where adjustments of bonded indebtedness do not provide for transfer of bonded indebtedness from one school district to another school district (a) that the existing bonded indebtedness of each school district the boundaries of which are altered and any bonded indebtedness incurred by each such school district through the sale of

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bonds authorized prior to the date its boundaries were altered shall be the obligation of the school district in its reduced or enlarged form, as the case may be; and (b) that taxes shall be levied thereafter against the taxable property located within each such school district in its reduced or enlarged form, as the case may be, at the times and in the amounts required to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonded indebtedness as the same become due and payable.

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In case the aforesaid approval by the state board concerns a proposal to form a new school district or a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness involving an established school district and one or more former school districts now included therein pursuant to a vote of the people concerned, a special election of the voters residing within the territory of the proposed new district or of the established district involved in a proposal for adjustment of bonded indebtedness as the case may be shall be held for the purpose of affording said voters an opportunity to approve or reject such proposals as concern or affect them.

In a case involving both the question of the formation of a new district and the question of adjustment of bonded indebtedness, the questions may be submitted to the voters either in the form of a single proposition or as separate propositions, whichever to the county superintendent seems expedient. The county superintendent shall perform in connection with the calling and conducting of the special elections provided for in this chapter all duties that are required by law to be performed by a board of directors and the clerk or secretary of a school district in connection with the calling and conducting of school district elections.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. 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.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1957.

Passed the House March 10, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1957.

CHAPTER 130.

[H. B. 76.]

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS—APPOINTMENT— POWERS.

AN ACT relating to regional planning commissions; and amending section 11, chapter 44, Laws of 1935 and RCW 35.63.070.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11, chapter 44, Laws of 1935 and RCW 35.63.070 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.63.070
amended.

The commissions of two or more adjoining counties, of two or more adjacent cities and towns, of one or more cities and towns and/or one or more counties, together with the boards of such counties and the councils of such cities and towns may cooperate to form, organize and administer a regional planning commission for the making of a regional plan for the region defined as may be agreed upon by the commissions, boards and councils. The regional commission when requested by the commissions of its region, may further perform any of the other duties for its region that are specified in RCW 35.63-.060 for city and county commissions. The number of members of a regional commission, their method of appointment and the proportion of the cost of regional planning, surveys and studies to be borne respectively by the various counties and cities in the

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