

CHAPTER LVI.

[H. B. No. 213.]

TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to provide for the formation of joint school districts, and to prescribe the minimum number of school children required for the formation of new school districts, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Where the public good requires it, a school district may be formed of contiguous territory lying in two or more adjoining counties, and such districts shall be known as joint districts. They shall be designated by a separate number for each county in which any portion of their territory may lie.

Formation of
joint district.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of forming such joint districts, a petition shall be presented, drawn and signed as prescribed for the formation of other school districts; but such petition shall be presented in duplicate to the superintendent of each county affected by the proposed district, and the superintendent of each such county shall post notices of the hearing of the petition before him as in the case of petitions for other districts: *Provided*, That at least one notice shall be posted in each county affected, such notice being posted in a public place within the boundaries of the proposed joint district. Each county superintendent shall conduct his hearing within his own county, and the consent of the superintendents of all the counties affected shall be necessary to the formation of the district. Such consent shall be certified in writing by each superintendent to each of the others, and when all have consented they shall jointly issue a call for a special election in such joint district for the purpose of selecting officers for said district. The call for such election shall be posted as in the case of other special elections, and the officers elected shall qualify within two days after the election. Such officers shall serve only until the next regular annual election, when a full set of officers shall be elected as provided

in the case of other new districts. Every director or clerk of a joint district shall file his certificate of election and oath of office with the county superintendent of each county in which any portion of his district lies, and he shall file his signature as required by law in the office of the county treasurer of each such county. Vacancies in the office of director or clerk of a joint district shall be filled by appointment by the county superintendent in whose county the officer vacating resided while serving, and a copy of such appointment, with the oath endorsed thereon, shall be filed in the office of each county superintendent. <sup>Vacancies,
how filled.</sup>

SEC. 3. All reports from joint districts shall be made in full to the county superintendent of each county affected thereby: *Provided*, That any county superintendent may order the segregation of any items of such report so as to show separately the numbers or amounts from each county affected thereby.

SEC. 4. A teacher's certificate received from the examiners or county superintendent of any county in which any portion of a joint district may lie, shall entitle such teacher to teach in said joint district and to draw pay from the treasury of any county in which any portion of such district may lie.

SEC. 5. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall be in full force and effect upon its approval by the governor.

Passed the house February 21, 1895.

Passed the senate March 9, 1895.

Approved March 13, 1895.