

CHAPTER 237.

[H. B. 284.]

CONSTABLES.

AN ACT relating to constables, permitting the county commissioners to abolish the office or vary the duties, and amending section 3.08.010, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3.08.010, RCW, as derived from section 13, page 225, Laws of 1854, as amended by section 2796, Laws of 1881, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

At each general election for the election of county officers there may be elected by the qualified electors of each precinct as many constables as there are justices of the peace elected, or authorized to be elected therein. Election.

SEC. 2. The county commissioners of any county may, by resolution, abolish the office of constable in that county: *Provided*, That the resolution shall not affect the length of term nor the amount of compensation of any constable holding office at the time the resolution is adopted for the balance of his unexpired term. Abolishment of office.

SEC. 3. The county commissioners of any county may, by resolution, broaden or restrict the powers and duties of constables in that county: *Provided*, That no constable shall be given powers or duties broader than those provided by law for constables or for deputy sheriffs: *Provided further*, That such a resolution shall not affect the length of term nor amount of compensation of any constable holding office at the time the resolution is adopted during the balance of his unexpired term. Powers and duties may be changed.

Passed the House February 19, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1953.