

## CHAPTER 81.

[ S. B. 85. ]

## CITIES AND TOWNS—DEPOSITORIES.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns and banks in which moneys to be kept by the treasurer may be deposited.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever a bank is designated by the treasurer or governing body of a city or town in accordance with the provisions of chapter 35.38 RCW, as a depository for funds to be kept by the treasurer of such city or town and such bank has filed and had approved a contract with such city or town and deposited a surety bond or bonds or securities as provided in chapter 35.38, such contract shall not be invalid by reason of any official of the city being also an officer, employee, or stockholder of such bank.

Passed the Senate January 26, 1955.

Passed the House February 23, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 4, 1955.

## CHAPTER 82.

[ S. B. 107. ]

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICTS—ELECTIONS—  
COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT relating to hospital districts; amending section 1, chapter 229, Laws of 1947 and RCW 70.44.040; and adding a new section to chapter 70.44 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 229, Laws of 1947 and RCW 70.44.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

The provisions of Title 54 relating to elections and procedure of the commission, except vacancies

Elections and  
procedure of  
commission.

occurring therein, and boundaries and consolidation of public utility districts shall govern public hospital districts, except that the total vote cast upon the proposition to form the district shall exceed forty percent of the total number of votes cast in the precincts comprising the districts at the next preceding general state and county election, and except that hospital district commissioners shall hold office for the term of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified, each term to commence on the second Monday in January in each year following the election. At the election at which the proposition is submitted to the voters as to whether a district shall be formed, three commissioners shall be elected to hold office, respectively, for the terms of two, four, and six years. All candidates shall be voted upon by the entire district, and the candidate residing in commissioner district number one receiving the highest number of votes in the hospital district shall hold office for the term of six years; the candidate residing in commissioner district number two receiving the highest number of votes in the hospital district shall hold office for the term of four years; and the candidate residing in commissioner district number three receiving the highest number of votes in the hospital district shall hold office for the term of two years. Each term shall date from the time above specified following the election, but shall also include the period intervening between the election and the beginning of the regular terms specified in this section.

Terms of office  
of commis-  
sioners.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 70.44 RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Vacancies in  
offices of  
commissioners.

A vacancy in the office of commissioner shall occur by death, resignation, removal, conviction of felony, nonattendance at meetings of the commission for sixty days, unless excused by the commission, by any statutory disqualification, or by any perma-

ment disability preventing the proper discharge of his duty. A vacancy shall be filled at the next general election; the vacancy in the interim to be filled by appointment by the remaining commissioners within twenty days from the date of such vacancy, or in the event the remaining commissioners do not fill the vacancy within said time then the county commissioners of the county in which said district is located shall fill said vacancy within twenty days thereafter. If more than one vacancy exists at the same time a special election shall be called by the county election supervisor upon the request of any remaining commissioner and if there is none, then by the supervisor. The election shall be held not more than forty days after the occurrence of the vacancies.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency. 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 January 28, 1955.

Passed the House February 23, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 4, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 83.

[ S. B. 113. ]

### PUBLIC HIGHWAYS—CONTRACTS—BIDS.

AN ACT relating to public highways; prescribing procedure for the contracting of highway construction, and amending section 37, chapter 53, Laws of 1937, as amended by section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1949, and RCW 47.28.090.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37, chapter 53, Laws of 1937, Amendment. as amended by section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1949, and RCW 47.28.090 are each amended to read as follows: