

CHAPTER 68.

[S. B. 13.]

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

AN ACT relating to elections, qualifications of voters, times, places and procedure for registration of voters; amending sections 6, 9, 11, 16, and 21, chapter 1, Laws of 1933, as amended (secs. 5114-6, -9, -11, -16, and -21, Rem. Rev. Stat., secs. 531-11, -17, -21, -31, and -41, PPC); and repealing section 12a, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 as added thereto by section 1, chapter 167, Laws of 1945 (sec. 5114-12a, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-24, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter 1, Laws of 1933, as amended by section 1, chapter 95, Laws of 1945 (sec. 5114-6, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-11, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. Registration officers in incorporated cities and towns shall keep their respective offices open for registration of voters during the days and hours when the same are open for the transaction of public business: *Provided*, That in all cities of the first class, the governing body, may by ordinance direct that in all, or certain, of the voting precincts of such city, designated therein, the registration files of such precincts shall be kept open in such precincts respectively, for the registration of voters residing therein, at such places respectively, and on such day or days, as shall be designated therein, and the registration officer of such city shall cause the registration files to be kept open for the registration of voters at the respective places so designated between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 9:30 p. m., on the days so designated, in charge of a deputy appointed by him. It shall be the duty of the deputy registrar of each precinct outside of the corporate limits of any city or town, except as herein otherwise provided, to keep blank registration cards for the registration of voters residing in his precinct at his

City registration offices to be kept open.

Files may be kept open in precincts.

Time when files open.

Registration outside cities and towns.

usual place of residence or his usual place of business at reasonable hours, and he shall, at the end of each week, forward by mail, to the County Auditor, the records of those who have registered during that week: *Provided*, That such precinct registration officer, with the written consent of the County Auditor, during the time that registration files are kept open for the registration of voters, may designate some centrally located place in lieu of the usual place where registration cards are kept, where such cards will be kept for the registration of voters, after giving such notice of his intention so to do as he may deem expedient, and keep such cards for the registration of voters at such place for such time or times as is stated in such notice.

Central place may be designated.

SEC. 2. Section 9, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 (sec. 5114-9, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-17, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 9. The registration files of all precincts shall be closed against original registration or transfer for thirty (30) days immediately preceding every election and primary to be held in such precincts, respectively, but they shall remain open for an additional fifteen (15) days for transfers of registration from one precinct within a city to another precinct in the same city and for transfers of registration from one rural precinct to another rural precinct in the same county. The County Auditor shall give notice of the closing of said files for original registration and transfer by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in such county at least five (5) days before such closing.

When registration files closed.

Transfers of registration.

Notice of closing files.

SEC. 3. Section 11, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 (sec. 5114-11, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-21, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 11. The registration officer shall administer to each person applying for registration, the following oath or affirmation: "You do solemnly

Oath of registrant.

swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer such questions as may be asked touching your qualifications as a voter under the laws of this state."

Information
required of
registrant.

Qualifica-
tions.

Name.

Age.

Place of
birth.

Residence.

Citizenship.

Naturaliza-
tion.

Literacy.

Having administered the oath as above provided, it shall be the duty of the registration officer to interrogate the applicant for registration, concerning his qualifications as a voter of the State of Washington, and of the county, city, town and precinct in which he applies for registration, requiring him to state his full name; whether he will be twenty-one years of age on the day of the next election; place of birth; place of residence; street and number, if any, or post office or rural mail route address; occupation; citizenship; if a citizen of the United States, whether native born or naturalized; if naturalized, whether in his own right or by virtue of his father's naturalization; in the case of a woman, not native born, whether naturalized in her own right or by virtue of her father's naturalization or by virtue of her marriage to a citizen of the United States; the place and date of the naturalization relied upon and the name of the court in which it took place; whether the applicant having been a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States has ever renounced his allegiance to the United States, and if so, whether he has since been naturalized as a citizen of the United States. In case the applicant is of foreign birth and is not a naturalized citizen of the United States, whether he was a legal voter of the Territory of Washington prior to November 11, 1889; whether the applicant was a legal voter of the State of Washington on November 3, 1896, or is able to read and speak the English language so as to comprehend the meaning of ordinary English prose, and in case the registration officer is not satisfied in that regard, he may require the applicant to read aloud and explain the meaning of some ordinary English prose; whether the applicant has lost his

civil rights by reason of being convicted of an infamous crime, and if so, whether such rights have been restored in a manner provided by law; whether applicant has resided in the State of Washington not less than eleven months; length of residence in the county in which registration is applied for, not less than sixty (60) days; length of residence in the precinct in which registration is applied for; whether the applicant is a taxpayer of the State of Washington; and the place and address of the last former registration of the applicant as a voter in the State of Washington under the provisions of this act. Answers to all such questions shall be inserted on the duplicate registration card.

Loss of
civil rights.

Taxpayer.

Former
registration.

SEC. 4. Section 16, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 (sec. 5114-16, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-31, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 16. Any registered voter who changes his or her name by marriage, or otherwise in the manner provided by law, shall register anew.

Change of
name.

SEC. 5. Section 21, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 (sec. 5114-21, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-41, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 21. It shall be the duty of the registrar of each county, city and town, to carefully preserve in a separate file, to be kept in his office for that purpose, all original and duplicate registration cards cancelled, as provided in the preceding sections. The files for the preservation of cancelled registration cards, above provided for, shall be arranged and kept in alphabetical order irrespective of the precincts from which said cancelled cards came or were received. Each registrar of an incorporated city or town, or county, as the case may be, shall be and is hereby authorized, to, from time to time, remove from the files of cancelled registration cards, in his office, and destroy, all original cards that have

Registration
cards
preserved.Destruction
of cancelled
cards.

been cancelled for a period of four (4) years or more.

SEC. 6. Section 12a, chapter 1, Laws of 1933, as added thereto by section 1, chapter 167, Laws of 1945 (sec. 5114-12a, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 531-24, PPC) is hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate February 12, 1947.

Passed the House February 27, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 5, 1947.

CHAPTER 69.

[S. B. 134.]

PASSAGE OF STATE HIGHWAYS THROUGH CEMETERIES.

AN Act providing for the passage of state highways through cemeteries; amending section 69 of chapter 247 of the Laws of 1943 (Rem. 1943 Supp. 3778-69; PPC 353-167).

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

SECTION 1. Section 69 of chapter 247 of the Laws of 1943 (Rem. 1943 Supp. 3778-69; PPC 353-167) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 69. After dedication pursuant to this act, and as long as the property remains dedicated to cemetery purposes, no railroad, street, road, alley, pipe line, pole line, or other public thoroughfare or utility shall be laid out, through, over, or across any part of it without the consent of the cemetery authority owning and operating it, or of not less than two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the owners of interment plots: *Provided*, That so long as the action is commenced prior to March 31, 1949, the State Director of Highways may condemn for state highway purposes land in any burial ground or cemetery in the following cases: (1) Where no organized or known authority is in charge of any such cemetery, or (2) where the necessary consent cannot be obtained

Consent
necessary.

When
consent not
necessary.