

CHAPTER 103.

[S. B. 221.]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to diking and irrigation districts, providing for elections; authorizing the directors to retire certain bonds by various methods; making bonds of districts eligible for certain investments, amending section 6, chapter CXV, Laws of 1895 and section 13, chapter 162, Laws of 1917 as amended by section 28, chapter 129, Laws of 1921.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter CXVII, Laws of 1895, as amended (sec. 4242, Rem. Rev. Stat.), is amended to read as follows:

Election of Diking Commissioners.

Section 6. A general election for the election of a Board of Dike Commissioners for such district shall be held upon the second Tuesday in March, 1916, and annually thereafter. The term of office of Commissioners shall be for three years and until their successors are elected and qualified, but of the Commissioners elected at the first election held under the provisions of this act the Commissioner receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for three years. The Commissioner receiving the second highest number of votes shall hold office for two years, and the Commissioner receiving the third highest number of votes shall hold office for one year. The term of office shall begin on the first Monday of the following April, and such election shall be conducted by the Board of Diking Commissioners who shall prepare the ballot therefor, and the expenses thereof shall be defrayed by said district, and the judges, clerks and inspectors of said election shall each receive as compensation for the services rendered at such election the sum of two dollars per day: *Provided*, That at least thirty days' notice immediately preceding any such general election shall be given thereof by the Board of Commissioners of such diking district, by posting the same

Term of office.

Expenses of election.

Notice of election.

in four public places within said district, and by publishing the same at least once in a legal newspaper published in said district, or if none be published therein, then in a legal newspaper in the county in which said district is situated. Said notice shall contain the names of two electors of the county owning land in the district as judges of said election and the name of one elector of the county owning land in the district as inspector thereof, the same to be chosen by said Board of Commissioners. The Board may declare the entire district as one precinct and shall designate in the notice of election the place of voting; if the district is large, the Board may designate in the notice of election the number and places of voting. Said Board of Commissioners shall be a canvassing board to canvass the votes of each election, and they shall meet the day following such election and canvass said votes and declare the result thereof and issue certificates of election.

Contents of
notice.

Canvassing
board.

SEC. 2. Section 13, chapter 162, Laws of 1917, as amended by section 28, chapter 129, Laws of 1921 (sec. 7463, Rem. Rev. Stat.), is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Section 13. The cost of said improvement shall be especially assessed against the lands within such local improvement district in proportion to the benefits accruing thereto, and shall be levied and collected in the manner provided by law for the levy and collection of land assessments or toll assessments or both such form of assessments.

Special
assessment
for improve-
ments.

All provisions in this chapter contained for the assessment, equalization, levy and collection of assessments for irrigation district purposes shall be applicable to assessments for local improvements except that no election shall be required to authorize said improvement or the expenditures therefor or the bonds issued to meet the cost thereof. Assessments when collected by the County Treasurer for

Bond
redemption
fund.

the payment for the improvement of any local improvement district shall constitute a special fund to be called "Bond Redemption Fund of Local Improvement District No.——" and bonds issued under this act shall be eligible for disposal to and purchase by the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development under the provisions of the State Reclamation Act.

Payment of
assessments.

The cost or any unpaid portion thereof, of any such improvement, charged or to be charged or assessed against any tract of land may be paid in one payment by the owner or any one acting for him, under and pursuant to such rules as the Board of Directors may adopt, and all such amounts shall be paid over to the County Treasurer who shall place the same in the appropriate fund. No such payment shall thereby release such tract from liability to assessment for deficiencies or delinquencies of the levies in such improvement district until all of the bonds, both principal and interest, issued for such local improvement district have been paid in full. The receipt given for any such payment shall have the foregoing provision printed thereon. The amount so paid shall be included on the annual assessment roll for the current year, provided, such roll has not then been delivered to the Treasurer, with an appropriate notation by the Secretary that the amount has been paid. If the roll for that year has been delivered to the Treasurer then the payment so made shall be added to the next annual assessment roll with appropriate notation that the amount has been paid.

Receipt of
payment.

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