

by any society in its annual report to the commissioner.

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CHAPTER 198.

[H. B. 174.]

PORT DISTRICTS—ELECTIONS OF COMMISSIONERS AT LARGE.

AN ACT relating to port districts, providing for certain commissioners at large, and amending sections 53.12.120 and 53.12.130, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.12.120, RCW, as derived from section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 2, chapter 62, Laws of 1913, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

In port districts having a population of five hundred thousand or more, in accordance with the latest United States census, there shall be submitted to the voters of the district, at the first general election after the effective date of this act, the proposition of increasing the number of commissioners to five. At any general election thereafter, the same proposition may be submitted by resolution of the port commissioners, by filing a certified copy of the resolution with the county auditor at least four months prior to the general election. If the proposition is adopted, the commission in that port district shall consist of one commissioner from each of the three commissioner districts, and two commissioners elected at large. The two commissioners at large must have been residents of the district for three years and shall be nominated and elected at the same time and

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in the same manner as the other commissioners, except that their nomination petitions may be signed by electors residing in any part of the district and they shall be designated on their petitions and on the ballots as commissioners at large.

If the proposition is carried by a majority vote, then five days after the election the commission shall consist of five members.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 53.12.130, RCW, as derived from section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 2, chapter 62, Laws of 1913, is amended to read as follows:

Election of commissioners at large.

At the same general election the names of the candidates for commissioners at large shall be printed on the ballot and voted on, but the election of commissioners at large shall be contingent upon the adoption of the proposition for a commission of five members. The two candidates for commissioners at large receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, and shall take office five days from their election. The one receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for six years from the first day of January next and the other shall hold office for four years from that date.

Terms of office.

Election of successors.

A successor to a commissioner at large whose term is about to expire, shall be elected at the general election next preceding such expiration, for a term of six years.

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