

CHAPTER 32.

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 802.]

POLITICAL PARTIES—LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CHAIRMEN—PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN.

AN ACT relating to elections; providing for election of legislative district chairmen; amending section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 3, chapter 103, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and RCW 29.42.050; and adding a new section to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.42 RCW.

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

New section.

Section 1. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.42 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Elections—
Political parties—
District chairmen—
Precinct chairmen.

Within forty-five days after the state-wide general election in even-numbered years, or within thirty days following the effective date of this 1967 enactment for the biennium ending with the 1968 general elections, the county chairman of each major political party shall call separate meetings of all elected precinct committeemen in each legislative district a majority of the precincts of which are within a class AA county for the purpose of electing a legislative district chairman in such district. The district chairman shall hold his office until the next legislative district reorganizational meeting two years later, or until his successor is elected.

The legislative district chairman can only be removed by the majority vote of the elected precinct committeemen in his district.

RCW 29.42.050 amended.

Sec. 2. Section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 3, chapter 103, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and RCW 29.42.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Filing for office.

The statutory requirements for filing as a candidate at the primaries shall apply to candidates for

precinct committeeman except that the filing period for this office alone shall be extended to and include the Friday immediately following the last day for political parties to fill vacancies in the ticket as provided by RCW 29.18.150, and the office shall not be voted upon at the primaries, but the names of all candidates must appear under the proper party and office designations on the ballot for the general November election and the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected: *Provided*, That to be declared elected, a candidate must receive at least ten percent of the number of votes cast for the candidate of his party receiving the greatest number of votes in his precinct. Any person elected to the office of precinct committeeman who has not filed a declaration of candidacy shall pay the fee of one dollar to the county auditor for a certificate of election. The term of office of precinct committeeman shall be for two years, commencing upon completion of the official canvass of votes by the county canvassing board of election returns. Should any vacancy occur in this office by reason of death, resignation or disqualification of the incumbent, or because of failure to elect, the respective county chairman of the county central committee shall be empowered to fill such vacancy by appointment: *Provided, however*, That in legislative districts having a majority of its precincts in a class AA county, such appointment shall be made only upon the recommendation of the legislative district chairman: *Provided*, That the person so appointed shall have the same qualifications as candidates when filing for election to such office for such precinct: *Provided further*, That when a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman exists because of failure to elect at a state general election, such vacancy shall not be filled until after the organization meeting of

the county central committee and the new county chairman selected as provided by RCW 29.42.030.

Severability.

Sec. 3. If any provision of this 1967 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the 1967 amendatory act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Passed the House March 20, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 3, 1967.

Approved by the Governor April 7, 1967.

Note: This act declared unconstitutional by King County Superior Court decision.

CHAPTER 33.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 183.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL OLDER AMERICANS
ACT OF 1965.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; adding a new section to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.36 RCW.

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

New section.

Section 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Public assistance.

The department of public assistance is authorized to take advantage of and participate in the Federal Older Americans Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-73, 89th Congress, 79 Stat. 220) and to accept, administer and disburse any federal funds that may be available under said act.

Passed the House March 17, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 1, 1967.

Approved by the Governor April 10, 1967.