

## CHAPTER CXV.

[H. B. No. 305.]

## RELATING TO DIKE DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to amend section five of an act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment and creation of dike districts, and the construction and maintenance of a system of dikes, and to provide the means of the payment thereof, and declaring an emergency," approved March 20, 1895.

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

SECTION 1. That section five of "An act to provide for the establishment, and creation, of dike districts and the construction of a system of dikes, and to provide the means of payment therefor, and declaring an emergency," approved March 20, 1895, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 5. Said election shall be held on the day designated in such notice, and shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Washington, and no person shall be entitled to vote at such election unless he shall be a qualified elector of the county in which such district is located, and shall have resided within the boundaries of said proposed district for a period of not less than thirty days next preceding the day of such election. The board of county commissioners shall, on the Monday next succeeding such election, count and canvass the votes cast thereat, and if, upon said canvass and count, it appears that a majority of the votes cast are for "dike districts, yes," the board shall immediately enter an order upon its records declaring the proposed territory duly organized as a dike district, giving to such district a proper number, followed by the name of the county and state, and shall also declare the three persons receiving, respectively, the highest number of votes, the duly elected dike commissioners of such diking district. Said board shall cause a copy of the order entered of record, duly certified to be filed in the office of the secretary of state,

Amendment.

Election.

County commissioners to canvass.

Order to be filed with secretary of state.

and from and after the date of such filing, said organization shall be deemed complete; and the members of said board of commissioners, so chosen at said election, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall qualify as county officers are required to qualify, and each shall enter into a bond, payable to the State of Washington, for the benefit of said district, with two or more sureties, in a penal sum of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as dike commissioners, to be approved by the board of county commissioners; and to be filed with the county clerk, of the county in which said district is situated.

Qualification  
of board.

Term of office.

The said dike commissioners shall hold office until the next general election at which officers of said dike district are to be elected, and until such further time as their successors are elected and qualified. The members of each successive board of dike commissioners, whether elected or appointed, shall, before entering upon their duties, enter into a bond as herein provided, and after being approved by the board of county commissioners, shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county in which said district is situated.

Passed the House February 25, 1899.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1899.

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