

CHAPTER 113.

[S. B. 57.]

WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

AN ACT relating to the appointment, powers and duties of the members and employees of the Washington State Liquor Control Board; amending section 64, chapter 62, Laws Ex. Ses. 1933, as last amended by section 2, chapter 208, Laws of 1945 (sec. 7306-64, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 678-13, PPC), and section 65, chapter 62, Laws Ex. Ses. 1933 (sec. 7306-65, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 678-15, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 64, chapter 62, Laws Ex. Ses. 1933, as last amended by section 2, chapter 208, Laws of 1945 (sec. 7306-64, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 678-13, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Terms of office.

Section 64. 1. The members of the board serving on the date this act takes effect, or their respective successors, shall hold office for terms which shall each of them expire on January 15, 1949. Upon expiration of such terms on January 15, 1949, members of the board shall be appointed as follows: One member of the board for a term of two years from January 15, 1949; one member of the board for a term of four years from January 15, 1949; and one member of the board for a term of six years from January 15, 1949. Thereafter members of the board shall be appointed for terms of six years, except in the case of a vacancy, in which case a member shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term in which said vacancy occurs.

Vacancies.

No vacancy in the membership of the board shall impair the right of the remaining member or members to act, except as herein otherwise provided in the Washington State Liquor Act.

Offices.

2. The principal office of the board shall be at the State Capital [Capitol], and it may establish such other offices as it may deem necessary.

Vetoed.

3. Any member of the board may be removed for inefficiency, malfeasance or misfeasance in of-

fice, upon specific written charges filed by the Governor, who shall transmit such written charges to the member accused and to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice shall thereupon designate a tribunal composed of three Judges of the Superior Court to hear and adjudicate the charges. Such tribunal shall fix the time of the hearing, which shall be public, and the procedure for the hearing, and the decision of such tribunal shall be final and not subject to review by the Supreme Court. Removal of any member of the board by the tribunal shall disqualify such member for reappointment.

4. Each member of the board shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office and no member of the board shall hold any other public office. Before entering upon the duties of his office each of said members of the board shall enter into a surety bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, payable to the State of Washington, to be approved by the Governor, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties, and shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed for elective state officers, which oath and bond shall be filed with the Secretary of State. The premium for said bond shall be paid by the board.

SEC. 2. Section 65, chapter 62, Laws Ex. Ses. 1933 (sec. 7306-64, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 678-15, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 65. The board may employ such number of employees as in its judgment are required from time to time for the purposes of this act, at such rates of salaries or wages as are fixed by the regulations; and any employees so employed may be dismissed or removed by the board at its pleasure; honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors, and

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honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of any war between this country and any foreign country shall be given preference for the appointment and employment.

Politics.

Persons shall be employed, retained or discharged without prejudice because of political affiliation and when employed shall be under no obligation to contribute to any political fund or to render any political service, nor shall any employee use his official authority or influence to coerce or affect the political action of any person or body.

Passed the Senate February 20, 1947.

Passed the House March 6, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1947, with the exception of subsection 3, of Section 1, which is vetoed.