

such ordinance shall not be inconsistent with any statute: *Provided further*, That where the city council finds that the appointment of a full time city engineer is unnecessary, it may in lieu of such appointment, by resolution provide for the performance of necessary engineering services on either a part time, temporary or periodic basis by a qualified engineering firm, pursuant to any reasonable contract.

The mayor shall appoint and at his pleasure may remove all appointive officers except as otherwise provided herein. Every appointment or removal must be in writing signed by the mayor and filed with the city clerk.

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CHAPTER 82.

[S. B. 218.]

INTERCOUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to intercounty rural library districts and amending section 2, chapter 75, Laws of 1947, and RCW 27.12.100 and section 4, chapter 75, Laws of 1947, and RCW 27.12.120.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 75, Laws of 1947, and RCW 27.12.100 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 27.12.100
amended.

An intercounty rural library district shall be established by joint action of two or more counties proceeding by either of the following alternative methods:

Intercounty
rural library
districts—
Establishment.
Procedure.

(1) The boards of county commissioners of any two or more counties shall adopt identical resolu-

tions proposing the formation of such a district to include all of the areas outside of incorporated cities or towns in such counties, as may be designated in such resolutions. In lieu of such resolutions a petition of like purport signed by ten percent of the registered voters residing outside of incorporated cities or towns of a county, may be filed with the county auditor thereof, and shall have the same effect as a resolution. The proposition for the formation of the district as stated on the petition shall be prepared by the attorney general upon request of the state library commission. Action to initiate the formation of such a district shall become ineffective in any county if corresponding action is not completed within one year thereafter by each other county included in such proposal. The county auditor in each county shall check the validity of the signatures on the petition and shall certify to the board of county commissioners the sufficiency of the signatures. If each petition contains the signatures of ten percent of the registered voters residing outside the incorporated cities and towns of the county, each board of county commissioners shall pass a resolution calling an election for the purpose of submitting the question to the voters and setting the date of said election. When such action has been taken in each of the counties involved, notification shall be made by each board of county commissioners to the board of county commisioners of the county having the largest population according to the last federal census, who shall give proper notification to each county auditor. At the next general or special election held in the respective counties there shall be submitted to the voters in the areas outside of incorporated cities and towns a question as to whether an intercounty rural library district shall be established as outlined in the resolutions or petitions. Notice of said election shall be given the

county auditor pursuant to RCW 29.27.080. The county auditor shall provide for the printing of a separate ballot and shall provide for the distribution of ballots to the polling places pursuant to RCW 29.04.020. The county auditor shall instruct the election boards in split precincts. The respective county canvassing boards in each county to be included within the intercounty rural library district shall canvass the votes and certify the results to the county auditor pursuant to chapter 29.62 RCW; the result shall then be certified by each county auditor to the county auditor of the county having the largest population according to the last federal census. If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition in each of the counties affected shall vote in favor of such district it shall thereby become established, and the board of county commissioners of the county having the largest population according to the last federal census shall declare the intercounty rural library district established.

(2) The county commissioners of two or more counties meeting in joint session attended by a majority of the county commissioners of each county may, by majority vote of those present, order the establishment of an intercounty rural library district to include all of the area outside of incorporated cities and towns in as many of the counties represented at such joint meeting as shall be determined by resolution of such joint meeting. No county, however, shall be included in such district if a majority of its county commissioners vote against its inclusion in such district.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 75, Laws of 1947, and RCW 27.12.120 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 27.12.120
amended.

All property, assets and liabilities of pre-existing library districts within the area included in an intercounty rural library district shall pass to and

—Assumption
of property,
assets,
liabilities.

be assumed by an intercounty rural library district: *Provided*, That where within any intercounty rural library district heretofore or hereafter organized under the provisions of this chapter a pre-existing library district had incurred a bonded indebtedness which was outstanding at the time of the formation of the intercounty rural library district, such pre-existing library district shall retain its corporate existence insofar as is necessary for the purpose until the bonded indebtedness outstanding against it on and after the effective date of said formation has been paid in full: *Provided further*, That a special election may be called by the board of trustees of the intercounty rural library district, to be held at the next general or special election held in the respective counties for the purpose of affording the voters residing within the area outside of the pre-existing library district an opportunity to assume the obligation of the bonded indebtedness of the pre-existing library district or the question may be submitted to the voters as a separate proposition at the election on the proposal for the formation of the intercounty rural library district.

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