

salmon hatcheries operated by the United States bureau of fisheries in this state.

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CHAPTER 185.

[H. B. 236.]

RELATING TO THE RE-INCORPORATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT relating to the re-incorporation of cities and towns and amending section 703 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 703 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, be amended to read as follows: Section 703. The city council or other legislative body of any city or town, organized or incorporated prior to the passage of this act, shall, upon receiving a petition therefor, signed by not less than one-fifth of the qualified electors of such city or town, as shown by the vote cast at the last municipal election held therein, submit to the electors of such city or town, at the next general or special election called for to be held therein, the question whether such city or town shall become organized under the general laws of the state relating to municipal corporations of the class to which such city or town may belong. Notice that such question shall be so submitted shall be given by publication in a newspaper printed and published in such city or town; or if there be no newspaper printed and published therein, by printing and posting the same in at least four public places therein, including the place or places where such election is to be held. Such notice shall be so published or posted for at least two weeks prior to such election, and shall also be made a part of the general election notice. Such notice shall distinctly state the proposition to be so submitted, and

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shall designate the class to which such corporation belongs, and shall invite the electors thereof to vote upon such proposition by placing "X" upon their ballots, opposite the words "For reorganization" or "Against reorganization."

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Which words, or the equivalent thereto, shall be printed upon the ballots in such manner that the voters' choice may be clearly indicated by marking as above specified. The votes so cast shall be canvassed at the time and in the manner in which the other votes cast at such election are canvassed. If upon such canvass a majority of all the electors voting at such election shall be found to have voted for such reorganization, the said council or other legislative body shall, by an order entered upon their minutes, cause their clerk, or other officer performing the duties of clerk, to make and transmit to the Secretary of

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state notified.

State a certified abstract of such vote, which abstract shall show the whole number of electors voting at such election, the number of votes cast for reorganization, and the number of votes against reorganization. Said council or other legislative body shall immediately thereafter call a special election for the election of officers required by law to be elected in corporations of the class to which such city or town shall belong, which election shall be held within three months thereafter. Such election shall be held in all respects in the manner prescribed, or that may hereafter be prescribed, by law for municipal elections in corporations of such class, and shall be canvassed by the council or other legislative body calling the same, who shall immediately declare the result thereof, and cause the same to be entered upon their journal. From and after the date of such entry, such corporation shall be deemed to be organized under such general laws, under the name and style of the city (or town, as the case may be) of (naming it), with the powers conferred, or that may hereafter be conferred, by law upon municipal corporations of the class to which the same may belong; and the officers elected at such election shall be entitled immediately to enter upon the duties of their respective offices, upon qualifying in accordance with law, and shall

hold such offices, respectively, only until the next general municipal election to be held in such city or town, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take Emergency. effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 186.

[S. B. 218.]

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER.

AN ACT to amend chapter 149, Laws of Washington, approved March 12, 1907, entitled "An act creating a State Highway Board and the office of the State Highway Commissioner, fixing his compensation, prescribing their duties and providing for the survey, establishment, construction, maintenance and repair of state highways, and providing for the expenditure of moneys appropriated by the state or counties for the survey, establishment, construction, building, maintenance and repair of state highways, and making an appropriation therefor, and repealing sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of chapter 174, Session Laws of 1905, approved March 13, 1905, and declaring an emergency," and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the office of State Highway Commissioner and a state highway board. The Governor to appoint. said State Highway Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor and shall hold his office for four years unless sooner removed for cause; said commissioner shall be a capable and experienced civil engineer and surveyor and shall receive an annual compensation of \$2,500 a year, Salary. and shall be allowed his actual traveling expenses while officially employed, not to exceed \$1,000 in any one year, and shall be allowed his office expenses not to exceed \$1,200 in any one year. He shall take oath of office and shall give a bond in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned for the Bond. faithful performance of his duties; the said highway