

## CHAPTER 25.

[House Bill No. 33.]

PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN  
CONGRESS.

AN ACT providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of  
Representative in congress.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever any vacancy exists in the office of Representative in Congress from this state, or from any congressional district thereof by death, resignation, disability or failure to qualify, of persons elected to such office, and there shall be a necessity for the filling of such vacancy, or threatened vacancy, for the term or the remainder of the unexpired term, the Governor shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy, which writ shall fix the time of such election not less than twenty-five (25) days after the issuance thereof, and such writ shall also fix a day not less than fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the writ, and not less than ten (10) days before the special election called therein, for the holding of a special primary for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at such special election.

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election.

SEC. 2. The writ shall name the district in, and the term or part of term for which the vacancy exists, or is about to exist, and the Governor shall immediately notify each County Auditor within such district of the issuance of such writ, and each such Auditor shall publish notices of such special election and such special primary in accordance with such writ, by publishing such notices at least once in the county official paper, if there be one, and if there be no county official paper, then in some other paper of general circulation in the county, and also by posting such notices in each precinct in his county: *Provided, however,* That when the time named in such writ for the holding of such special primary is not more than fifteen (15) days before the time fixed for the holding of the special election, the notices of such official election shall be

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elections.

combined in and be made a part of the notices of such special primary: *And provided further*, That the time for either such special election or such special primary may be held at the same time as holding the corresponding regular elections and when either such special election or such special primary is so held, the writ shall so provide that for such election names of the candidates for such congressional office may be placed on the regular ballots and voted for as other candidates at such election.

SEC. 3. Whenever either such special election or special primary shall be held at the same time as the regular corresponding election, the registration of voters for such Voters.

general election, in precincts where registration is required, shall be sufficient for such special election or special primary, and the officers of the election shall be the same, and the election shall be merged with and become a part of the regular election. Whenever the writ of election shall fix a different date for either such special election or such special primary, the election officers of the last preceding corresponding election shall be taken to be the election officers for such special election or such special primary, as the case may be, and the registration for the last general election in precincts where registration is required, shall be deemed a sufficient registration for such special election or such special primary: *Provided, however*,

Any person having registered since such last general election, and otherwise qualified may vote, but no person shall be allowed to vote at such special election or special primary, who shall have registered within three (3) days of the election at which he offers to vote. Officers of election.  
Canvass of votes.  
 Canvass of votes at any such special primary shall be made in each county within five (5) days after such primary, and returns sent immediately to the Secretary of State, where the returns from all the counties shall be canvassed and the candidate of each party shall be determined in the same manner as now provided by law, and the names thereof shall be certified at once to the several county auditors in the district. No name shall be printed on the primary ballots that shall not

have been filed with the Secretary of State at least ten (10) days before the special primary.

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applicable.

SEC. 4. The general election laws and the laws relating to primary elections shall apply to the special elections herein provided for, in so far as the same are not inconsistent with this act and shall be construed with and made a part of this act for the purpose of carrying out the spirit and intent thereof.

Passed by the House Aug. 20, 1909.

Passed by the Senate August 21, 1909.

Approved by the Governor August 28, 1909.

## CHAPTER 26.

[House Bill No. 51.]

### RELATING TO THE BOUNDARIES OF CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to the boundaries of the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth senatorial districts, and the thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth representative districts in Pierce county, State of Washington.

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

Twenty-fifth  
senatorial  
and thirty-  
fifth repre-  
sentative  
districts.

SECTION 1. The following precincts in the county of Pierce, to-wit: Alderton, Brecken; Buckley, first and second precinct; Burnett, Carbonado, Deringer, Earl, Edgewood, Fairfax, Kapowsin, Lake Tapps, Larchmont, Melmont, Milton, Midland, McMillan, Orting; Puyallup, first, second and third wards; Reservation, Rhodes Lake, Soldiers' Home, South Orting, South Prairie, Sumner, Wilkeson, first and eighth precincts of the fourth ward in the city of Tacoma, shall constitute the twenty-fifth senatorial district and the thirty-fifth representative district.

Twenty-sixth  
senatorial  
and thirty-  
sixth repre-  
sentative  
districts.

SEC. 2. The following precincts in the county of Pierce, to-wit: Alder, Anderson Island, Artondale, Elbe, Fox Island, Gig Harbor, Hillhurst, Holz, Lake Bay, Lake City, Lakeview, Long Branch, McNeils Island, McKenna, Minter, Muck, Nisqually, Ohop, Purdy, Rosedale, Roy, Silver