

class, the legislative body of any such city shall convene at the hour fixed by its rules for regular meetings and shall open and canvass the returns of such election and shall declare and certify the result of such election.

Canvassing returns.

SEC. 2. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect any provision now or hereafter incorporated in any charter or ordinances of any such city providing a manner for the canvass of, and declaration of the result of, the votes cast at such elections.

No change in charters.

SEC. 3. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1911.

Passed the House March 6, 1911.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1911.

## CHAPTER 33.

[H. B. 174.]

### OFFICERS IN CITIES OF FOURTH CLASS.

AN ACT relating to officers in cities of the fourth class and amending section 7721 of Remington and 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 7721 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington relating to officers in cities of the fourth class be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 7721. The mayor, members of the council and treasurer shall be elected by the qualified electors of said town at the general municipal election to be held therein on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December in each year. The treasurer shall hold office for the period of one year from and after the second Tuesday in January next succeeding the date of such election and until his successor is elected

[Amending § 7721, Rem.-Bal.]

Defining terms of office.

and qualified. The mayor and members of the council shall hold office for the period of two years from and after the second Tuesday in January next succeeding the day of such election and until their successors are elected and qualified: *Provided*, That the first council elected under the provisions of this act shall at their first meeting so classify themselves by lot as that three of their number shall go out of office at the expiration of one year and two at the expiration of two years. The mayor shall appoint a marshall, police justice and clerk. The city council may provide by ordinance for the appointment by the mayor of an attorney, poundmaster, superintendent of streets, a civil engineer and such police and other subordinate officers as in the judgment of the city council may be deemed necessary and may by ordinance fix their compensation. No appointment of any officer provided for herein shall be subject to confirmation by the city council. All officers appointed by the mayor as provided for in this act shall hold office during his pleasure.

Providing  
minor  
officials.

Emergency.

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

Passed the House February 16, 1911.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1911.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1911.