

upon the county commissioners shall be performed by the city council or commissioners of such city and reports of inspectors herein provided for shall be made to such city council or commissioners. In establishing precincts it shall be the duty of the county commissioners and city councils and commissioners to fix the boundaries thereof so that each precinct shall be wholly in one senatorial or representative district, and one county commissioner's district. Boundaries.

Passed the House February 8, 1915.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1915.

Approved by the Governor February 25, 1915.

CHAPTER 12.

[H. B. 65.]

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

AN ACT authorizing incorporated towns to establish and maintain free public libraries and amending sections 6971 and 6974 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6971 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends
Rem.-Bal.
§ 6971. by
including in-
corporated
towns.

Section 6971. By a majority vote at any election, any city, village, town, school district, or other body authorized to levy and collect taxes, or by vote of its common council, any city or incorporated town may establish and maintain a free public library, with or without branches, either by itself or in connection with any other body authorized to maintain such library. Whenever twenty-five taxpayers shall petition, the question of providing library facilities shall be voted on at the next election or meeting at which taxes may be voted: *Provided*, That due public notice shall have been given of the proposed action.

Establish-
ment.

Submission
to vote.

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 6974, by including incorporated towns.

Board of trustees.

Tenure of office.

Vacancies.

SEC. 2. That section 6974 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 6974. The management and control of every library shall be vested in a board of five trustees (unless a larger number be decided upon by a vote at the time of establishment or at some subsequent annual election) who shall be elected by the legal voters; except that in cities and incorporated towns they shall be appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the city or town council, from citizens of recognized fitness for such position. No person shall be ineligible as a trustee by reason of sex, and no trustee as such shall ever receive any compensation. The first trustees shall determine by lot whose term of office shall expire each year, and a new trustee shall be elected or appointed annually to serve for five years, except when the board consists of more than five members, each trustee shall serve for a term of years corresponding to the number of regular members on the board in order that one term shall expire each year; all vacancies shall be as soon as possible filled in like manner as the members of the board are regularly chosen, and in an unexpired term for the residue of the term only.

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