

CHAPTER 39.

[H. B. 112.]

PORT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to port districts, providing for the formation of districts and the nomination of commissioners in certain cases, for the publication of notices and validating port districts heretofore created and bonds heretofore issued, and amending Section 4485 Pierce's Code by adding thereto certain sections.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4485 Pierce's Code be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known and designated as section 4485-15, as follows:

Comprising less than county.

Section 4485-15. When it is desired to create a port district comprising territory less than the entire county in other than class A counties, the county commissioners shall, upon petition of ten per cent or more of the electors residing within the proposed boundaries of such proposed district based on the total vote at the last general election within such area, submit to the qualified electors residing within such proposed district the proposition of creating such port district. If at any such election a majority of the votes cast thereon shall be in favor of establishing such port district and the total vote cast upon such question shall equal one-third of the total vote cast at the last preceding general election within such area, such port district shall be established.

SEC. 2. That section 4485 Pierce's Code be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known and designated as section 4485-16, as follows:

Nominations for port commissioners.

Section 4485-16. Nominations for port commissioners in any port district having a population less than fifteen hundred may be made by petition signed

by a number of qualified voters equaling ten per cent. or more of the qualified voters residing within the area of said port district.

SEC. 3. That section 4485 Pierce's Code be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known and designated as section 4485-17, as follows:

Section 4485-17. Notices required in port districts in which no newspaper is published may be given by publication in any newspaper of general circulation in the county.

Notice when  
no news-  
paper in  
district.

SEC. 4. That section 4485 Pierce's Code be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known and designated as section 4485-18, as follows:

Section 4485-18. Port commissioners of any port district are hereby authorized to accept for and on behalf of said port district gifts of real and personal property and to expend in improvements and betterment such amount as may be necessary.

Gifts.

SEC. 5. That section 4485 Pierce's Code be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known and designated as section 4485-19, as follows:

Section 4485-19. In every case where the county commissioners of any county in other than class A counties, after having first submitted the proposition of creating a port district to the voters within any proposed area, have thereafter, upon a favorable vote on said proposition, by order, act, or resolution created or formed, or attempted to create or form, a port district, such port district so created or formed, or attempted to be created or formed, is hereby declared to be a valid port district, fully clothed with all the power and authority vested by law in port districts, and all proceedings in connection with the formation of any such port district are hereby fully validated, notwithstanding any irregularities or

Validity of  
formation  
of district.

omissions in the procedure by which any such district was formed.

Passed the House February 11, 1921.

Passed the Senate February 23, 1921.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1921.

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## CHAPTER 40.

[H. B. 176.]

### BUDGET SYSTEM FOR STATE OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the budget for state offices, departments and institutions, providing penalties, and amending 6648 Pierce's Code.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6648 Pierce's Code (chapter 126 of the Laws of 1915) be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 6648-6, to read as follows:

Section 6648-6. Every officer, or directing head of any department or institution, or member of a commission, board or bureau, or employe, of the state, who shall fail to file the statement provided for in section one of this act, on the form and in the manner and at the time provided in said section one, shall forfeit ten dollars per day for each day's delay, and the state auditor is hereby directed to deduct and withhold said forfeit from the salary of those so offending.

Passed the House February 15, 1921.

Passed the Senate February 23, 1921.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1921.

Forfeiture  
for delay.