

tion of said reduction or refinement, shall be considered and held to be property in transit and non taxable.

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CHAPTER 61.

[S. B. 18.]

ELECTIONS IN CLASS A AND FIRST CLASS COUNTIES.

AN ACT fixing the time of holding elections, providing for the appointment of election officers and prescribing their duties, and fixing the time of the commencement of terms of municipal and district officers.

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

SECTION 1. All county elections in Class A counties and counties of the first class, whether general or special, and whether for the election of county officers or for the submission to the voters of any county of any question for their adoption and approval or rejection, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in the year in which they may be called: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed as fixing the time for holding the elections for the recall of county officers or primary elections.

County elections.

SEC. 2. That all city, town, township, school district, port district, park district, irrigation district, dike district, drainage district, drainage improvement district, diking improvement district, river improvement district, commercial waterway district, and all other municipal and district elections

City, town, etc., elections.

whether general or special, and whether for the election of municipal or district officers or for the submission to the voters of any city, town, township or district of any question for their adoption or approval or rejection, shall be held in Class A counties and counties of the first class on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in the year in which they may be called: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed as fixing the time of holding elections for the recall of city, town or district officers; and *Provided further*, That this section shall not be construed as repealing the provisions of any charter of a city of the first class providing for the election of persons receiving a majority of all votes cast for any office at a primary or first election, but such primary or first election shall be held two weeks prior to the general election provided for in this section.

Vacancies in
Congress.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed as preventing the calling of a special election by the governor to fill a vacancy existing in any state office or the office of United States senator, representative in Congress, for the senator or member of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, on any other dates than those above specified.

Term of
office.

SEC. 4. The term of every city, town and district officer elected under the provisions of this act shall begin on the first Monday in June following his election: *Provided, however*, That any person elected to office at the first election held under this act shall not take office until the expiration of the term of office of his predecessor; and *Provided further*, That any person whose term of office shall expire prior to the holding of the first election under this act, shall continue to hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county auditor and the prosecuting attorney in Class A counties and counties of the first class in all city, town and district elections held under the provisions of this act to provide places for holding elections, to appoint the election officers, to provide for their compensation, to provide ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, poll books and tally sheets, and deliver them to the election officers at the polling places, to publish and post notices of calling such elections in the manner provided by law, and to apportion to each city, town or district its share of the expense of such election.

Polling
places:
election
officers, etc.

SEC. 6. The election officers herein above provided for shall conduct such elections and shall receive and deposit ballots cast thereat in the proper and respective ballot boxes and shall count said ballots and make return thereof to the proper officers of the respective cities, towns and districts in the manner provided by law: *Provided, however,* There shall be but one set of election officials in each precinct.

Conduct of
elections.

SEC. 7. At every election held under the provisions of this act, the polls shall be kept open from eight o'clock A. M. to eight o'clock P. M., and all qualified electors who shall be inside of the polling place at eight o'clock P. M. shall be allowed to cast their ballots at such election.

Time polls
are open.

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