

existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 133.

[H. B. 191.]

ELECTIONS: PORT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to the organization of port districts, comprising an area less than the entire county, relating to the district elections therein, the officers thereof and their terms of office and the manner of holding and canvassing the returns of such election.

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

Port districts.

SECTION 1. In every port district comprising an area less than the entire county in which it is located, except port districts in class A and first class counties all elections for the election of port commissioners or the submission of one or more propositions shall be held at the same time as the general biennial election is held in such county: *Provided*, That if the petition for the organization of such port district so requests, the first election of commissioners may be held at a special election which shall be called and held in the manner provided by law for special organization elections for such port districts.

Time of election.

Special elections.

Term of office.

SEC. 2. In every such port district the term of office of each port commissioner shall be as herein after specified.

Election of commissioners.

SEC. 3. At the next general election after the taking effect of this act there shall be a commissioner elected for commissioner's district No. 2 to

serve for four years and a commissioner elected from commissioner's district No. 3 to serve for two years.

Terms.

SEC. 4. At the next general election thereafter there shall be elected a commissioner from commissioner's district No. 1 to serve for a term of four years and commissioner from commissioner's district No. 3 to serve for a term of two years.

SEC. 5. At the next general election thereafter there shall be elected a commissioner from commissioner's district No. 3 to serve for a term of four years and a commissioner from commissioner's district No. 1 to serve for a term of two years.

SEC. 6. The term of office of commissioners for such port districts thereafter elected shall be in accordance with the above provisions. The commissioner elected to serve for the long term to be elected successively from the three districts in each successive commissioner's district in their numerical order commencing with district No. 2.

SEC. 7. The commissioners so elected shall take office on the second Monday in January following their election and the commissioners holding office upon this act becoming effective shall continue to hold office regardless of the term for which they were elected until, and only until their successors are elected and qualified in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. Notice of such election shall be given in the same manner and for the same time and by the same officials as is provided by law for the general biennial election in such counties, and in the matter of polling places, election boards, manner of conducting and voting, time for opening and closing the polls, keeping poll lists, canvassing the votes, declaring the result of the election, certifying the

Notice of election.

returns and in all other particulars as nearly as may be such election shall be called, held and conducted as is provided by law and as a part of the general biennial election in such counties; except that separate ballots shall be used for the port district and returns shall be made on the respective candidates and on each proposition or propositions which may be submitted, but all such returns shall be made by the regular election board and canvassed by the board or body that canvass the general county and state election.

Separate
ballots.

Conflict of
districts.

SEC. 9. In case of two or more port districts comprising part of the same voting precinct the election officers shall be furnished ballots for each of said separate port districts, and each voter will be given the port district ballot for the port district in which he or she may reside, and said election officers shall in making their returns make a separate return covering each port district, although such separate returns may be in the same book as the returns for the general county and state election, but shall be separately stated.

Expenses.

SEC. 10. The cost of printing and publishing the notices of such port election and the printing of the ballots shall be paid by the port district for which they are prepared.

Effect of law.

SEC. 11. This act shall not be construed as repealing, amending or modifying any law now in effect, except as to the time of election and the tenure of office of port commissioners in port districts comprising less than the entire county, and the manner of holding elections and canvassing returns of such port districts.

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