

provement and occupation of such property, as herein provided. For the purposes of this act the word hospital shall be deemed to include almshouses.

Passed the House March 3, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.

CHAPTER 229.

[H. B. 303.]

MINIMUM VOTES—PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to Public Hospital Districts; providing the minimum vote to form such a district; and amending section 5, chapter 264, Laws of 1945 (sec. 6090-34, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 736-72 (59), PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 264, Laws of 1945 (sec. 6090-34, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 736-72 (59), PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. The provisions of chapter 1, Laws of 1931, relating to elections, vacancies, procedures of the commission and boundaries and consolidation of public utility districts shall govern public hospital districts created under this act: *Provided*, That the total vote cast upon the proposition to form the district shall exceed forty per cent (40%) of the total number of votes cast in the precincts comprising the district at the next preceding general state and county election, and: *Provided*, That Public Hospital District Commissioners shall hold office for the term of six (6) years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, each term to commence on the second Monday in January in each year following the election thereto. At the same election at which the proposition is submitted to the voters as to whether a Public Hospital District shall be formed,

Total votes
required.

Term of
Commiss-
sioners.

three (3) commissioners shall be elected to hold office, respectively, for the term of two (2), four (4) and six (6) years. All candidates shall be voted upon by the entire Public Hospital District and the candidate residing in commissioner district number one receiving the highest number of votes in the Public Hospital District shall hold office for the term of six (6) years; and the candidate residing in commissioner district number two receiving the highest number of votes in the Public Hospital District shall hold office for the term of four (4) years; and the candidate residing in commissioner district number three receiving the highest number of votes in the Public Hospital District shall hold office for the term of two (2) years, each of said terms to date from the times specified in this section following the election, but also to include the period intervening between the election and the beginning of the regular terms specified in this section.

Number
of votes
determines
term.

Passed the House March 4, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1947.