

Except as provided in the preceding section, port commissioners shall be nominated by petition signed by one hundred electors of the commissioner district in which the candidate is a resident.

Other districts.

[R.C.W. 53.12.040 is derived from R.R.S. § 9690.]

SEC. 3. Chapter 53.12, R.C.W., is amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

New section.

In all port districts, petitions to nominate candidates for general elections shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than forty-five days prior to the date of the election; petitions to nominate candidates at an election for the formation of a port district shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than twenty days prior to such election.

Petitions filed with auditor.

When.

SEC. 4. Chapter 53.12, R.C.W., is amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Any person nominated for the office of port commissioner may file notice of withdrawal of his nomination with the county auditor within five days after the last day for filing nomination petitions, whereupon his nomination shall be void.

Withdrawal of nomination.

Passed the House March 1, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.

CHAPTER 70.

[H. B. 402.]

CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to elections in cities, towns and districts, and providing for consolidation of precincts, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. At any primary, regular, or special city or town election, and at any regular or special

City or town election.

Uniting,
dividing
precincts.

district election, the election authority of any such municipality or district may combine, unite, or divide precincts for the purpose of holding such election: *Provided*, That in the event such election shall be held upon the day of any state primary or state general election this act shall not apply.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 2, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.

CHAPTER 71.

[H. B. 432.]

ELECTIONS IN SECOND CLASS CITIES.

AN ACT relating to elections in second class cities, and amending sections 35.23.040 and 35.23.070, R.C.W.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 35.23.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 4, chapter 241, Laws of 1907, and section 4, chapter 120, Laws of 1909, is amended to read as follows:

Municipal
elections;
when held in
2nd class city
not having
commission
form.

A general municipal election shall be held biennially in second class cities not operating under the commission form of government and shall be held on the second Tuesday in March of each even-numbered year. The term of office of mayor, city clerk, city treasurer and councilmen in such cities shall be four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, but not more than six councilmen shall be elected in any one year to fill a full term. The term of office of police judge shall be two

Terms of
officers.