

merger or consolidation of corporations organized under this chapter, (2) the value of shares of corporations organized under this chapter shall not be worth more and shall not be appraised at more than par, and (3) the voting provisions of RCW 24.32.290 shall apply to the merger or consolidation of any association or corporation organized under other statutes into a resultant corporation organized under this chapter.

Passed the House March 6, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1959.

CHAPTER 133.

[H. B. 111.]

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

AN ACT relating to public libraries; amending section 5, chapter 75, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.130; and amending section 8, chapter 119, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 12, chapter 75, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.190.

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

RCW 27.12.130
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 75, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Board of
trustees.

Immediately following the establishment of an intercounty rural library district the boards of county commissioners of the counties affected shall jointly appoint a board of five or seven trustees for the district in accordance with RCW 27.12.190. The board of trustees shall appoint a librarian for the district.

RCW 27.12.190
amended.

SEC. 2. Section 8, chapter 119, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 12, chapter 75, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.190 are each amended to read as follows:

The management and control of a library shall be vested in a board of either five or seven trustees as hereinafter in this section provided. In cities and towns five trustees shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the legislative body. In counties and rural county library districts five trustees shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. In a regional library district a board of either five or seven trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the legislative bodies concerned. In intercounty rural library districts a board of either five or seven trustees shall be appointed by the joint action of the boards of county commissioners of each of the counties included in a district. In school districts they shall be elected by the voters in the manner in which school directors are elected. The first appointments or elections for boards comprised of but five trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed or elected annually to serve for five years. The first appointments for boards comprised of seven trustees shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six, and seven years respectively, and thereafter a trustee shall be appointed annually to serve for seven years. No person shall be appointed or elected to any board of trustees for more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the manner in which members of the board are regularly chosen: *Provided*, That where the library is a school district public library, the remaining members of the board of trustees shall fill such vacancies by appointment, for terms to expire at the next regular election of library trustees. A library trustee shall not receive a salary or other compensation for services as trustee, but necessary expenses actually incurred shall be paid from the library funds. A

Library trustees.
Appointment, election, removal, compensation.

library trustee in the case of a city or town may be removed only by vote of the legislative body. A library trustee of a school district public library may be removed only by a majority vote of the other trustees. A trustee of a county library or a rural county library district library may be removed by the county commissioners after a public hearing upon a written complaint stating the ground for removal, which complaint, with a notice of the time and place of hearing, shall have been served upon the trustee at least fifteen days before the hearing. A trustee of an intercounty rural library district may be removed by the joint action of the board of county commissioners of the counties involved in the same manner as provided herein for the removal of a trustee of a county library.

Passed the House February 11, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1959.

CHAPTER 134.

[H. B. 60.]

COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to county road improvement districts; amending section 1, chapter 192, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.88.010 and amending section 22, chapter 192, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.88.220.

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

RCW 36.88.010
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 192, Laws of 1951 and RCW 36.88.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Road im-
provement
districts au-
thorized—
Purposes—
Limitations.

Class AA, A and counties of the first class shall have the power to create county road improvement districts for the improvement of existing county roads and for the construction or improvement of