

## CHAPTER 86.

[ S. B. 22. ]

## MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS—TIME OF TAKING OFFICE.

AN Act relating to the time of taking office by municipal officials; amending section 1, chapter 163, Laws of 1949 and section 9, chapter 161, Laws of 1949, section 6, chapter 257, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.13.050; amending section 9, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 and RCW 35.17.020; amending sections 3 and 4, chapter 241, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 1, chapter 71, Laws of 1951, and RCW 35.23.040; amending section 7, chapter 241, Laws of 1907, as amended by section 2, chapter 71, Laws of 1951, and RCW 35.23.070; and amending section 6, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, section 3, chapter 365, Laws of 1955 and RCW 35.24.050.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 163, Laws of 1949 and section 9, chapter 161, Laws of 1949, section 6, chapter 257, Laws of 1951 (formerly combined and codified as RCW 29.13.050) are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.13.050  
amended.

The term of every city, town, and district officer, excepting school district officers, elected to office on the second Tuesday in March shall begin on the first Monday in April following his election. The term of every officer in first, second, and third class school districts shall begin on the twentieth day following his election. Each board of directors shall be organized at the first meeting held after a newly elected director takes office.

Terms—  
Begin, when.Board  
organization.

SEC. 2. Section 9, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 35.17.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.17.020  
amended.

All regular elections in cities organized under the commission form of government shall be held quadrennially and, shall be held on the second Tuesday of March in the even numbered years. The commissioners shall be nominated and elected at large. Their terms shall begin on the first Monday in April after their election, and shall continue for

Commissioners,  
commission form of  
government—  
Elections—  
Terms—  
Vacancies.

four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. If a vacancy occurs in the commission the remaining members shall appoint a person to fill it for the unexpired term.

There shall be no primary or general municipal election held in the year 1957 and the officers whose terms would have expired in 1957, but for the provisions of this act (1955 c 55), shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the general municipal election to be held on the second Tuesday of March, 1958.

RCW 35.23.040  
amended.

SEC. 3. Sections 3 and 4, chapter 241, Laws of 1907 as last amended by section 1, chapter 71, Laws of 1951 (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 35.23.040) are each amended to read as follows:

Second class  
cities.

Elections—  
Officers, terms  
of office.

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 years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The officers elected at such municipal election shall take office on the first Monday of April following their election: *Provided*, That such city officers, except the police judge, elected to office at the election held during the year 1951, whose terms, but for this section, would have expired on the first Monday in June, 1953, shall remain in office until (1) at the regular election to be held on the second Tuesday of March, 1954, their successors have been elected, and (2) such successors have, upon the first Monday in June, 1954, or thereafter, qualified for the office: *Provided further*, That the police judge shall not be elected

for a two-year term until the regular election to be held during the year 1952.

SEC. 4. Section 6, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and section 3, chapter 365, Laws of 1955 and RCW 35-24.050 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.24.050  
amended.

General municipal elections in third class cities not operating under the commission form of government shall be held biennially, and, shall be held on the second Tuesday in March in the even-numbered years. The term of office of the mayor, city attorney, clerk, and treasurer shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified: *Provided*, That if the offices of city attorney and clerk are made appointive, the city attorney and clerk shall not be appointed for a definite term: *Provided further*, That the term of the treasurer shall not commence in the same biennium in which the term of the mayor commences, nor in which the terms of the city attorney and clerk commence if they are elected.

Third class  
cities.  
Elections—  
Terms of  
office.

A councilman-at-large shall be elected biennially for a two-year term; of the other six councilmen, three shall be elected biennially as the terms of their predecessors expire for terms of four years.

All officers elected at such election shall take office on the first Monday in April following the date of election. There shall be no primary or general elections held in the year 1957 and the officers whose terms would have expired in 1957, but for the provisions of this act (1955 c 365), shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the general election to be held on the second Tuesday of March, 1958. There shall be no primary or general elections held in the year 1959 and the officers whose terms would have expired in 1959, but for the provisions of this act (1955 c 365), shall continue in office until their successors are elected at the general election to be held on the second Tuesday of March, 1960.

Assuming  
office  
under act.

SEC. 5. Persons elected to office under the provisions of this amendatory act shall not assume office until the terms of their predecessors have expired.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1959.

Passed the House February 26, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 87.

[ S. B. 336. ]

### FOREST LANDS—REACQUISITION FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

AN ACT relating to forest lands; authorizing the reacquisition from the federal government of tax title lands; providing for the advance of funds from the forest development account by agreement between the board of natural resources and the board of county commissioners, and the repayment thereafter from future moneys due such county from said account; adding one new section to 76.12 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

New section.

Reacquisition  
of forest lands  
—Agreements  
authorized.

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to 76.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever any forest land which shall have been acquired by any county through the foreclosure of tax liens, or otherwise, and which shall have been acquired by the federal government either from said county or from the state holding said lands in trust, and shall be available for reacquisition, the state board of natural resources and the board of county commissioners of any such county are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the reacquisition of such lands as state forest lands in trust for such county. Such agreement shall provide for the price and manner of such reacquisition. The state board of natural resources is authorized to provide in such agreement for the advance of funds avail-