

stead of the port commission for the purposes of consolidation.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of dissolution of any port district not having an active port commission the board of county commissioners of the county wherein such inactive port district is located may exercise the powers and duties vested by chapter 53.48 RCW in the governing body of such port district.

Dissolution, county commissioners may act for inactive port commission.

Passed the House February 10, 1961.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1961.

Approved by the Governor February 15, 1961.

CHAPTER 27.

[S. B. 4.]

COUNTIES, ADOPTING CODES, COMPILATION BY REFERENCE.

AN ACT relating to counties; and amending section 2673, Code of 1881, as last amended by section 1, chapter 61, Laws of 1947, sections 2681 and 2687, Code of 1881, and RCW 36.32.120.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2673, Code of 1881, as last amended by section 1, chapter 61, Laws of 1947, and sections 2681 and 2687, Code of 1881 (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 36.32.120) are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 36.32.120 amended.

SEC. 2. (36.32.120) The several boards of county commissioners shall:

County commissioners. Powers of board.

(1) Provide for the erection and repairing of courthouses, jails, and other necessary public buildings for the use of the county;

(2) Lay out, discontinue, or alter county roads and highways within their respective counties, and do all other necessary acts relating thereto according

to law, except within cities and towns which have jurisdiction over the roads within their limits;

(3) License and fix the rates of ferriage; grant grocery and other licenses authorized by law to be by them granted;

(4) Fix the amount of county taxes to be assessed according to the provisions of law, and cause the same to be collected as prescribed by law;

(5) Allow all accounts legally chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for, and audit the accounts of all officers having the care, management, collection, or disbursement of any money belonging to the county or appropriated to its benefit;

(6) Have the care of the county property and the management of the county funds and business and in the name of the county prosecute and defend all actions for and against the county, and such other powers as are or may be conferred by law;

(7) Make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in conflict with state law, and within the unincorporated area of the county may adopt by reference Washington state statutes and recognized codes and/or compilations printed in book form relating to the construction of buildings, the installation of plumbing, the installation of electric wiring, health, or other subjects, and may adopt such codes and/or compilations or portions thereof, together with amendments thereto, or additions thereto: *Provided*, That there shall be filed in the county auditor's office three copies of such codes, compilations, and/or statutes ten days prior to their adoption by reference, and one copy shall also be filed with the city clerk of each city within the county, and shall provide that any violation of such regulations, ordinances, codes, compilations, and/or statutes or resolutions shall constitute a misdemeanor: *Provided further*, That no such regulation,

code, compilation, and/or statute shall be effective unless before its adoption, a public hearing has been held thereon by the board of county commissioners of which at least ten days' notice has been given. The notice must set out a copy of the proposed regulations; or if a code is adopted by reference the notice shall set forth the full official title and a statement describing the general purpose of such code. The notice shall also include the day, hour, and place of hearing and must be given by publication in the newspaper in which legal notices of the county are printed;

(8) Have power to compound and release in whole or in part any debt due to the county when in their opinion the interest of their county will not be prejudiced thereby, except in cases where they or any of them are personally interested;

(9) Have power to administer oaths or affirmations necessary in the discharge of their duties and commit for contempt any witness refusing to testify before them with the same power as justices of the peace.

Passed the Senate February 1, 1961.

Passed the House February 16, 1961.

Approved by the Governor February 21, 1961.

CHAPTER 28.

[S. B. 98.]

WATER DISTRICTS—MERGER.

AN ACT relating to mergers of certain water districts; and adding a new chapter to Title 57 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever there are two water districts, the territories of which are adjoining or in close proximity to and in the same county with each

Merger of water districts, procedure.