

CHAPTER 32.

[H. B. 71.]

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS—CANCELLATION.

AN ACT relating to the registration of voters; and amending section 20, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 and RCW 29.10.090; and amending section 21, chapter 1, Laws of 1933, as last amended by section 5, chapter 68, Laws of 1947, and RCW 29.10.110.

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

RCW 29.10.090 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 20, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 and RCW 29.10.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Registration cancellations, cancellation for death.

The local registrar of vital statistics in cities of the first class shall submit monthly to the city clerk a list of the names and addresses, if known, of all persons over twenty-one years of age who have died.

The registrar of vital statistics of the state shall supply such monthly lists for each county of the state, exclusive of cities of the first class, to the county auditor thereof. The county auditor shall prepare from said lists a separate list of deceased persons for each city or town within the county, except cities of the first class, and mail the same to the city clerks thereof. The various city clerks and county auditors shall compare such lists with the registration records and cancel the registrations of deceased voters.

In addition to the above manner of cancelling registration records of deceased voters, any registered voter may sign a statement, subject to the penalties of perjury, to the effect that to his personal knowledge or belief another registered voter is deceased. Upon the receipt of such signed statement, the appropriate registration officer shall cancel the registration records concerned and so notify the secretary of state. Upon receipt of such notice, the

secretary of state shall in turn cancel his copy of said registration record.

The secretary of state as chief elections officer shall cause such form to be designed to carry out the provisions of this section. The respective county auditors and city and town clerks shall have such forms available for public use. Further, each such public officer having jurisdiction of an election shall make available a reasonable supply of such forms for the use of the precinct election officers at each polling place on the day of an election.

SEC. 2. Section 21, chapter 1, Laws of 1933, as last amended by section 5, chapter 68, Laws of 1947, and RCW 29.10.110 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.10.110
amended.

Every city clerk and county auditor shall carefully preserve in a separate file, to be kept in his office for that purpose, all original and duplicate registration cards canceled. The files for the preservation of canceled registration cards, shall be arranged and kept in alphabetical order irrespective of the precincts from which the canceled cards were received and the signed statement used as the authority for cancellation as provided in RCW 29.10.090 shall be firmly affixed to the canceled duplicate registration card (Permanent Registration Form No. 2).

Record of
cancellations.

The city clerk and the county auditor may destroy all original cards (Permanent Registration Form No. 1) that have been canceled for a period of four years or more.

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