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## CHAPTER 200.

[ Sub. S. B. 356. ]

### ELECTIONS.

AN ACT relating to elections; amending section 2, chapter 61, Laws of 1921 as last amended by section 1, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 29.13.020; amending section 1, chapter 168, Laws of 1957 and RCW 29.13.023; amending section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1957 and RCW 29.13.024; amending section 1, chapter 170, Laws of 1921 as last amended by section 2, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 29.13.030; amending section 5, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 3, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 29.13.040; amending section 5, chapter 257, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.13.045; amending section 1, chapter 86, Laws of 1959 and RCW 29.13.050; amending section 1, chapter 10, Laws of 1943 and RCW 29.13.060; amending section 5, chapter 194, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 2, chapter 247, Laws of 1959, and RCW 29.21.060; amending section 4, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 3, chapter 101, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.24.110; amending section 9, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 2, chapter 86, Laws of 1959 and RCW 35.17.020; amending section 10, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 and RCW 35.17.400; amending section 3, chapter 86, Laws of 1959 and RCW 35.23.040; amending section 6, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 4, chapter 86, Laws of 1959 and RCW 35.24.050; amending section 4, chapter 89, Laws of 1961 and RCW 35.27.090; amending section 1, chapter 110, Laws of 1953 as amended by section 12, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 and RCW 56.12.020; amending section 36.69.090, chapter [4], (S. B. 47) Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.69.090; amending section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 1, chapter 68, Laws of 1951 and RCW 53.12.160; amending section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1925 extraordinary session, as amended by section 1, chapter 45, Laws of 1941 and RCW 53.12.210; amending section 3, chapter 69, Laws of 1951, as amended by section

4, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.044; amending section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.04.055; amending section 12, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 and RCW 29.04.070; amending section 13, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 and RCW 29.04.080; amending section 3, chapter 209, Laws of 1907 and RCW 29.13.070; adding a new section to chapter 29.13 RCW; and repealing sections 13 and 14, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 and RCW 29.13.022 and 29.13.061; repealing section 1, chapter 252, Laws of 1961 and RCW 29.13.065; repealing section 4, chapter 69, Laws of 1951, section 5, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.046; and repealing section 7, chapter 175, Laws of 1959.

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

RCW 29.13.020  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 61, Laws of 1921, as last amended by section 1, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 29.13.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections by  
lesser con-  
stituencies in  
Class AA and  
Class A coun-  
ties—Special  
elections.

All city, town, and district elections, except as hereinafter provided, whether general or special, and whether for the election of municipal or district officers or for the submission to the voters of any city, town or district of any question for their adoption and approval, or rejection, shall be held in Class AA or Class A counties on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years: *Provided*, That there shall be no such general city or town elections held under the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act until 1967, and the positions that would have been voted upon in the year 1966, except for the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act, shall be voted upon at the general election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the year 1967 and each two years thereafter. All city and town elections to be held in 1964 under existing law shall be conducted as though the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act had not been enacted. All city and town officers elected in 1964 shall remain in office for their regular term and until their successors are elected and quali-

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fied under the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act.

There shall be no such regular district elections held in the years 1964, 1966, and 1968, and the positions that would have been voted upon, except for the provisions of this amendatory act, in the years 1964, 1966, and 1968 shall be voted upon at the general elections to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the years 1965, 1967, and 1969 respectively and each two years thereafter.

There shall be no such regular school district elections held on the second Tuesday in March in the years 1965, 1967, and 1969 and the positions that would have been voted upon, except for the provisions of this amendatory act, shall be voted upon at the general elections to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the years 1965, 1967, and 1969 respectively and each two years thereafter.

The purpose of this section is to change the time of holding all general city, town, and district elections in Class AA and Class A counties from March of either the even-numbered or odd-numbered years, as the case may be, to a common election date, being the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years, and further, to change the time of holding regular port district elections in Class AA and Class A counties and park and recreation districts in Class AA counties from the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the even-numbered years to the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years.

The terms of all such city, town, and district officers elected on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years shall commence as of noon on the second Monday in January following their election: *Provided*, That any per- Proviso.

Elections by lesser constituencies in class AA and class A counties—Special elections.

son elected to less than a full term shall assume office as soon as the election returns have been certified.

All incumbent city, town, or district officers whose terms would have expired, except for the provisions of this amendatory act, shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

This section shall not apply to:

(1) Elections for the recall of city, town, or district officers,

(2) Public utility districts, or district elections whereat the ownership of property within said districts is a prerequisite to voting, all of which elections shall be held at the times prescribed in the laws specifically applicable thereto.

The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city, town or district, presented to him at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date, may, if he deems an emergency to exist, call a special election at any time in such city, town, or district and for the purpose of such special election he may combine, unite or divide precincts. Such special election shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner provided by law.

RCW 29.13.023 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 168, Laws of 1957 and RCW 29.13.023 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections in first class cities under mayor-council government—Twelve councilmen.

All regular elections in first class cities having a mayor-council form of government whose charters provide for twelve councilmen elected for a term of two years, two being elected from each of six wards, and for the election of a mayor, treasurer, and comptroller for terms of two years, shall be held biennially, and shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years except as provided in RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030. The term of each councilman, mayor, treasurer and comptroller shall be four years and until their

successors are elected and qualified. The terms of the councilmen shall be so staggered that six councilmen shall be elected to office at each regular election.

SEC. 3. Section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1957 and RCW 29.13.024 are each amended to read as follows:  
amended.

All regular elections in first class cities having a mayor-council form of government whose charters provide for seven councilmen, one to be elected from each of six wards and one at large, for a term of two years, and for the election of a mayor, comptroller, treasurer and attorney for two year terms, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November on the odd-numbered years except as provided in RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030. The terms of the six councilmen to be elected by wards shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified and the term of the councilman to be elected at large shall be two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of the councilmen shall be so staggered that three ward councilmen and the councilman at large shall be elected at each regular election. The term of the mayor, attorney, treasurer, and comptroller shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

—Seven councilmen.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 29.13 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

All regular elections in cities of the first class under a commission form of government whose charters provide that elections shall be held triennially, shall hereafter be held quadrennially and shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years: *Provided*, That no such regular city election shall be held under the provisions of this 1963 amendatory section until the Tuesday after the first Monday in Novem-

Elections in first class cities under commission government.

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ber, 1969. The elections to be held in such cities in 1964 under existing law shall be conducted at the time and in the manner as though the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act had not been enacted. All city officials elected in 1964, or thereafter, shall be elected for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified under the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act.

RCW 29.13.030 amended.

SEC. 5. Section 1, chapter 170, Laws of 1921, as last amended by section 2, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 29.13.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections by cities, town, school districts, in class 1 through class 9 counties.

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All city and town regular elections, in class 1 through class 9 counties, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years: *Provided*, That there shall be no such general city or town elections held under the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act until 1967, and the positions that would have been voted upon in the year 1966, except for the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act, shall be voted upon at the general election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the year 1967 and each two years thereafter. All city and town elections to be held in 1964 under existing law shall be conducted as though the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act had not been enacted. All city and town officers elected in 1964 shall remain in office for their regular term and until their successors are elected and qualified under the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act.

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All general school district elections, in class 1 through class 9 counties, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed as fixing the time for holding the elections for the recall of any city, town, or district officers or special bond election or any election

held in a city of the first class for choosing qualified electors to prepare a new charter for such city by altering, changing, revising, adding to or repealing its existing charter, or any election held in any such city for ratifying such new charter.

There shall be no such general school district elections held on the second Tuesday in March in the years 1965 and 1967, and the positions that would have been voted upon, except for the provisions of this amendatory act, shall be voted upon at the general elections to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the years 1965 and 1967 respectively and each two years thereafter.

The purpose of this section is to change the time of holding all general city, town, and school district elections in class 1 through class 9 counties from March of either the even-numbered or odd-numbered years, as the case may be, to a common election date, being the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years.

The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city, town or district, presented to him at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date, may, if he deems an emergency to exist, call a special election at any time in such city, town, or district and for the purpose of such special election he may combine, unite or divide precincts. Such special election shall be conducted and notices thereof given in the manner provided by law.

This section and RCW 29.13.010 and 29.13.020 are referred to as the consolidated election laws.

SEC. 6. Section 5, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 3, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 29.13.040 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.13.040  
amended.

All elections, whether special or general, held

Elections under RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030—Conduct—Canvass.

under RCW 29.13.020 and RCW 29.13.030 as now or hereafter amended shall be conducted by the county auditor as ex officio county supervisor of elections and shall be canvassed by the county canvassing board.

RCW 29.13.045 amended.

SEC. 7. Section 5, chapter 257, Laws of 1951, and RCW 29.13.045 are each amended to read as follows:

Cost shared proportionately.

Every city, town, and district shall be liable for its proportionate share of the costs when such elections are held in conjunction with other elections held under RCW 29.13.010, 29.13.020 and 29.13.030.

RCW 29.13.050 amended.

SEC. 8. Section 1, chapter 86, Laws of 1959 and RCW 29.13.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Commencement of terms of elected officers—Board organization.

The term of every city, town, and district officer elected to office on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the odd-numbered years shall begin as of noon on the second Monday in January following his election: *Provided*, That any person elected to less than a full term shall assume office as soon as the election returns have been certified.

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Persons elected to office at the first regular elections held under the provisions of this amendatory act shall assume office as soon as the election returns have been certified.

Each board of directors of every district shall be organized at the first meeting held after one or more newly elected directors take office.

RCW 29.13.060 amended.

SEC. 9. Section 1, chapter 10, Laws of 1943, and RCW 29.13.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections in first class school districts containing first class city in class AA and class A counties.

In Class AA and Class A counties, first class school districts containing a city of the first class shall hold their election biennially on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

The directors to be elected shall be elected for



terms of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 10. Section 5, chapter 194, Laws of 1945, as last amended by section 2, chapter 247, Laws of 1959, and RCW 29.21.060 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.21.060 amended.

During the year 1964, all candidates for office to be voted upon at any election in first, second, and third class cities shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to the day of the primary with the clerk thereof.

Declarations of candidacy in first, second, third class cities and certain districts.

After the year 1964, all candidates for offices to be voted on at any election in first, second, and third class cities shall file declarations of candidacy with the clerk thereof not earlier than the first Monday of July nor later than the second Friday following the first Monday of July in the year such regular city elections are held.

All candidates for district offices in port districts, and school districts embracing a city of over one hundred thousand population, both of which are located in Class AA and Class A counties, shall file their declarations of candidacy with the county auditor of the county not earlier than the first Monday of July not later than the second Friday following the first Monday of July in the year such regular district elections are held.

All candidates for district offices not subject to a primary election, other than irrigation districts, shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to the date of the election with the appropriate county auditor: *Provided*, That in the case of public utility districts, and in no other, nominations shall be made by means of nominating petitions: *Provided further*, That this chapter shall not change the method of nomination for first district officers at the formation of the district.

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Declarations of candidacy in first, second, third class cities and certain districts.

Any candidate for city or district offices may withdraw his declaration at any time to and including the first Friday after the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

The city clerks in all counties shall transmit to their county auditors at least thirty-five days before the date fixed for the primary, a certified list of the names and addresses of the candidates to be voted on thereat as represented by the declarations of candidacy filed in their offices.

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All candidates required to file declarations of candidacy shall pay the same fees and be governed by the same rules as contained in RCW 29.18.030, 29.18.035, and 29.18.060: *Provided*, That no filing fee shall be charged in the event that the office sought is without salary.

This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different dates for filing declarations of candidacy for such city, town, and district elections.

RCW 29.24.110 amended.

SEC. 11. Section 4, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 3, chapter 101, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.24.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Nominations in towns.

Fourth class municipalities shall not hold primaries and the election of town officers shall be non-partisan. Not less than ninety days prior to the holding of a town election, the town council shall by ordinance prescribe as the method for nominating candidates, either the holding of a caucus or caucuses, in which case it shall further prescribe regulations therefor, or the filing of declarations of candidacy.

If caucuses are provided for, the town clerk shall publish once in a newspaper having general circulation within the county at least ten days prior to the date thereof, a notice of any caucus. If there be no such newspaper, notice shall be posted ten days

prior to date of the caucus, at the three most prominent places in town.

If declarations of candidacy are provided for; they shall be filed with the town clerk not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to the election, and shall be accompanied by a filing fee equal to one percent of the annual salary of the office: *Provided*, That no filing fee shall be charged in the event that the office sought is without salary. Proviso.

Declarations of candidacy shall substantially conform to the form set forth in RCW 29.18.030. Any candidate may withdraw his declaration at any time to and including the first Friday after the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

If, by law, the county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, has jurisdiction over such town election, the town clerk shall at least thirty-five days prior thereto, submit to him a certified list of candidates.

SEC. 12. Section 9, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 2, chapter 86, Laws of 1959, 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 statutory commission form of government shall be held quadrennially and, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years, except as provided in RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030. The commissioners shall be nominated and elected at large. Their terms shall be for 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. Elections—  
Cities under  
commission  
government—  
Terms of com-  
missioners—  
Vacancies.

SEC. 13. Section 10, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 and RCW 35.17.400 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 35.17.400 amended.

The first election of commissioners shall be held within sixty days after the adoption of the proposi-

Cities under  
commission  
government—  
Organization  
—Election of  
new officers—  
Term.

tion to organize under the commission form, and the commission first elected shall commence to serve as soon as they have been elected and have qualified and shall continue to serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

RCW 35.23.040  
amended.

SEC. 14. Section 3, chapter 86, Laws of 1959 and RCW 35.23.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Second class  
cities—  
Elections—  
Term 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 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year, except as provided in RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030.

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.

RCW 35.24.050  
amended.

SEC. 15. Section 6, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, as last amended by section 4, chapter 86, Laws of 1959, and RCW 35.24.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Third class  
cities—  
Elections—  
Terms of office.

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 Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years, except as provided in RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030. 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

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in which the term of the mayor commences, nor in which the terms of the city attorney and clerk commence if they are elected.

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

SEC. 16. Section 4, chapter 89, Laws of 1961 and RCW 35.27.090 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.27.090  
amended.

All general municipal elections in towns shall be held biennially, irrespective of the form of government, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years, except as provided in RCW 29.13.020 and 29.13.030. The term of office of the mayor and treasurer shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified: *Provided*, That the term of the treasurer shall not commence in the same biennium in which the term of the mayor commences. Councilmen shall be elected for four year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified; three at one election and two at the next succeeding biennial election.

Towns—  
Elections—  
Terms of office.

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SEC. 17. Section 1, chapter 110, Laws of 1953 as amended by section 12, chapter 55, Laws of 1955, and RCW 56.12.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 56.12.020  
amended.

At the election held to form or reorganize a district, there shall be elected three commissioners to hold office for terms of two, four, and six years respectively, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sewer district  
commissioners  
—Terms of  
office—  
Elections.

The term of each nominee shall be expressed on the ballot and shall be computed from the date of assuming office following the first general election for sewer districts. Thereafter, every two years there shall be elected a commissioner for a term of six years and until his successor is elected and qualified,

Sewer district commissioners—Terms of office—Elections.

at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years and conducted by the county auditor and the returns shall be canvassed by the county canvassing board of election returns.

All sewer district commissioners elected for a regular six year term on the second Tuesday of March, 1962, shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified at the general district election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1969.

There shall be no general sewer district election held in the year 1964 and those sewer district commissioners whose terms would have expired in 1964, but for the provisions of this amendatory act, shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified at the general sewer district election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1965.

There shall be no general sewer district election held in the year 1966 and those sewer district commissioners whose terms would have expired in 1966, but for the provisions of this amendatory act, shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified at the general sewer district election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1967.

RCW 36.69.090 amended.

SEC. 18. Section 36.69.090, chapter [4], (Senate Bill No. 47), Laws of 1963, and RCW 36.69.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Park and recreation district commissioners—Terms—Election procedure.

Elections for park and recreation district commissioners shall be held biennially in conjunction with the general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year: *Provided*, That in Class AA counties the election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year. Residence anywhere within the district shall

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qualify an elector for any position on the commission after the initial election. Following the initial election declarations of candidacy for the office of commissioner shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to said election. Any candidate may withdraw his declaration at any time to and including the first Friday after the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy. All names of candidates to be voted upon shall be printed upon the ballot alphabetically in a group under the designation of the title of the offices for which they are candidates. There shall be no rotation of names. All commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office of all commissioners after the first commissioners shall begin as of noon on the second Monday in January following their respective elections. At the first election following the formation of the district, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of six years, the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for four years and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for two years. Thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for six year terms.

**Note:** See also section 36.69.090, chapter 4, Laws of 1963.

SEC. 19. Section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 1, chapter 68, Laws of 1951 and RCW 53.12.160 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 53.12.160 amended.

In port districts comprising less than the entire county, except port districts in Class AA and Class A counties, elections for the selection of commissioners shall be held at the same time as the county general election is held: *Provided*, That if the petition for the organization of the district so requests, the first election of commissioners may be held at a special election which shall be called and held in the manner

Port district commissioners — Elections.

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provided for special organization elections of port districts.

RCW 53.12.210 amended.

SEC. 20. Section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1925 extraordinary session, as amended by section 1, chapter 45, Laws of 1941 and RCW 53.12.210 are each amended to read as follows:

Port district elections. Districts covering entire county.

In every port district the boundaries of which are coextensive with the county in which it is located, except port districts in Class AA and Class A counties, all elections for port commissioners shall be held at the same time as the county general biennial election is held: *Provided*, That if the petition for organization of such port districts so requests, the first election of commissioners may be held at a special election, which shall be called and held in the manner provided by law for special organization elections for such port districts.

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RCW 53.12.044 amended.

SEC. 21. Section 3, chapter 69, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 4, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.044 are each amended to read as follows:

—Declarations of candidacy—  
Place of filing.

In all port districts, except port districts in Class AA and Class A counties, declarations of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to the date of the election; declarations of candidacy for 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.

RCW 29.04.055 amended.

SEC. 22. Section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.04.055 are each amended to read as follows:

Combining or dividing precincts—  
County, city, town, district election.

At any primary, regular, or special county, city, town, or 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 section shall not apply.

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SEC. 23. Section 12, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 and RCW 29.04.070 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of state through his election division shall be the chief election officer for all federal, state, county, city, town, and district elections and it shall be his duty to keep records of such elections held in the state and to make such records available to the public upon request.

RCW 29.04.070 amended.

Secretary of state designated chief election officer.

SEC. 24. Section 13, chapter 161, Laws of 1949 and RCW 29.04.080 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of state shall make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the federal, state, county, city, town, and district election laws to facilitate the execution of their provisions in an orderly manner and to that end shall assist local election officers by devising uniform forms and procedures.

RCW 29.04.080 amended.

Secretary of state to make rules and regulations.

SEC. 25. Section 3, chapter 209, Laws of 1907 and RCW 29.13.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Nominating primaries for general elections to be held in November shall be held at the regular polling places in each precinct on the Tuesday following the second Monday of the preceding September.

RCW 29.13.070 amended.

Primaries—When held.

Nominating primaries other than the Septemebr primary shall be held four weeks before the date fixed for election, except as may be otherwise expressly provided.

SEC. 26. Sections 13 and 14, chapter 55, Laws of 1955 and RCW 29.13.022 and 29.13.061, section 1, chapter 252, Laws of 1961 and RCW 29.13.065, section 4, chapter 69, Laws of 1951 and section 5, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.046, and section 7, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 are each repealed.

Repeal.

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