

the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 13.

[H. B. 23.]

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS—FOREST PROTECTION AREAS—LEVIES AND ASSESSMENTS.

AN ACT relating to fire protection districts; amending section 2, chapter 34, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 2, chapter 254, Laws of 1947 and RCW 52.04.030; amending section 8, chapter 24, Laws of 1951, second extraordinary session and RCW 52.16.130; and adding a new section to chapter 34, Laws of 1939 and to chapter 52.16 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 34, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 2, chapter 254, Laws of 1947 and RCW 52.04.030 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 52.04.030 amended.

For the purpose of the formation of a fire protection district, a petition designating the boundaries of the proposed district, by metes and bounds, or by describing the lands to be included in the proposed district by United States townships, ranges and legal subdivisions, signed by not less than fifteen percent of the qualified registered electors who are resident within the boundaries of such district, and setting forth the object for the creation of such district and alleging that the establishment of such district shall be conducive to the public safety, welfare, and convenience, and will be a benefit to the property included therein, shall be filed with the county auditor of the county within which such proposed district is located, accompanied by an obligation

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signed by two or more petitioners, agreeing to pay the cost of the publication of the notice hereinafter provided for. The organization of any fire protection district heretofore otherwise legally formed and which includes lands within its boundaries required by law to pay forest protection assessment is hereby approved and confirmed as a legally organized fire protection district in the state of Washington. The county auditor shall, within thirty days, from the date of filing such petition, examine the signatures and certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof; and for such purpose shall have access to all registration books or records in the possession of the registration officers of the election precincts included, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the proposed district. Such books and records shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of said certificate. No person having signed such a petition shall be allowed to withdraw his name therefrom after the filing of the same with the county auditor. If such petition shall be found to contain a sufficient number of signatures of qualified registered electors who are resident within the boundaries of such district, the county auditor shall transmit the same, together with his certificate of sufficiency attached thereto, to the board of county commissioners which shall thereupon by resolution entered upon its minutes, receive the same and fix a day and hour thereof when it will publicly hear said petition.

RCW 52.16.130 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 8, chapter 24, Laws of 1951, second extraordinary session and RCW 52.16.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Finances. General levy authorized—Limit.

To carry out the purposes for which fire protection districts are created, the board of fire commissioners of any such district is hereby authorized to levy each year, in addition to the levy or levies provided in this act for the payment of the principal and interest of any outstanding general obligation

bonds and the levies necessary to pay the principal and interest of any coupon warrants heretofore issued and outstanding, an ad valorem tax on all taxable property located in such district not to exceed two mills: *Provided*, That in no case may the total general levy for all purposes, except retirement of general obligation bonds, exceed four mills. Any such tax when so levied shall be certified to the proper county officials for the collection of the same as for other general taxes. Such taxes when collected shall be placed in the appropriate district fund or funds as provided by law, and shall be paid out on warrants of the auditor of the county in which the district is situated, upon authorization of the board of fire commissioners of such district.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 34, Laws of 1939 and to chapter 52.16 RCW, a new section to read as follows: New section.

In the event that any lands lie both within a fire protection district and a forest protection assessment area they shall be taxed and/or assessed as follows: Lands in both fire protection district and forest protection assessment area, taxation of.

(1) If such lands are wholly unimproved, they shall be subject to forest protection assessments but shall not be subject to fire protection district levies;

(2) If such lands are wholly improved, they shall be subject to fire protection district levies but shall not be subject to forest protection assessments;

(3) If such lands are partly improved and partly unimproved they shall be subject both to fire protection district levies and to forest protection assessments: *Provided*, That upon request being made therefor, accompanied by appropriate legal descriptions, the county assessor shall segregate any unimproved portions which each consist of twenty or more acres, and thereafter such unimproved portion Proviso.

or portions shall be subject only to forest protection assessments.

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CHAPTER 14.

[H. B. 50.]

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSIONS.

AN ACT relating to teachers' retirement and pensions and other benefits relating thereto; amending section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 1, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.010; amending section 3, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 2, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.030; amending section 20, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 1, chapter 297, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.32.200; amending section 24, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 1, chapter 132, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.32.240; amending section 30, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 7, chapter 132, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.32.300; amending section 32, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 13, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.320; amending section 35, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 16, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.350; amending section 36, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 17, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.360; amending section 41, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 19, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.410; amending section 42, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.32.420; amending section 43, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 20, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32.430; amending section 47, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.32.470; amending section 51, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 24, chapter 274, Laws of 1955, and RCW 41.32-.510; amending section 54, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 1, chapter 37, Laws of 1959, and RCW 41.32.540; amending section 55, chapter 80, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 4, chapter 132, Laws of 1961, and RCW 41.32.550; adding new sections to chapter 80, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 41.32 RCW; repealing section 37, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.32.370; repealing section 40, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.32.400;