

Port districts.  
Expenses.

establishing adequate procedures for regulating and auditing the reimbursement of all such expenses.

Headings not  
law.

SEC. 3. Section headings as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law.

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CHAPTER 102.

[ Senate Bill No. 157. ]

PORT DISTRICTS—CONSOLIDATION.

AN ACT relating to port districts and providing for their consolidation; amending sections 1, 2, and 3, chapter 26, Laws of 1961 and RCW 53.46.010, 53.46.020, 53.46.030; and adding four new sections to chapter 26, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 53.46 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1961, and to chapter 53.46 RCW a new section to read as follows:

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Consolidation.  
Definitions.

As used in this chapter the term “principal county auditor” and “principal county treasurer” shall be the county auditor or county treasurer in the county having the largest assessed valuation of the total of the proposed consolidated port district.

RCW 53.46.010  
amended.

SEC. 2. Section 1, chapter 26, Laws of 1961 and RCW 53.46.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Consolidation  
authorized—  
Petition or  
resolution,  
contents.

Two or more port districts may be joined into one consolidated port district in the following manner: The port commissioners of each of the port districts proposed to be consolidated may, or on petition of ten percent of the qualified electors residing within each of the districts proposed to be consolidated based on the total vote cast in the last general election,

shall, by joint resolution submit to the qualified electors of the port districts to be consolidated the proposition of consolidating such districts into one port district. Such resolution or petition in request thereof shall identify each port district to be consolidated, listing its assets and liabilities; state the name by which the port district resulting from the consolidation shall be known; legally describe each port commissioner district to be created within the port district resulting from the consolidation; state the terms and conditions, if any, under which the consolidation is proposed; and call a special election in the territory of the port districts to be consolidated, to determine whether such consolidation shall take place, and to fill the offices of the port commissioner of the port district resulting from the consolidation. The resolution or petition shall provide that the commission in the proposed district shall consist of three, five, or seven commissioners and that the number shall be approved by the voters at the time the proposition for consolidation is voted upon. The proposition in this respect shall provide that the commissioners shall be elected one each from commissioner districts which shall be described as set forth in this section, or if such districts are not so described then the commissioners shall be elected at large.

SEC. 3. Section 2, chapter 26, Laws of 1961 and RCW 53.46.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The special election to consider such consolidation and to fill such offices shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state. Each candidate for the port commission of the port district resulting from the consolidation shall, not more than forty-five nor less than thirty days prior to the election, file with the county auditor a declaration of candidacy for port commissioner from the port commissioner district in which he is a qualified voter.

RCW 53.46.020  
amended.

Special election, conduct—  
Declaration of  
candidacy,  
withdrawal—  
Ballots.

Port districts—  
Consolidation.  
Special election, conduct—  
Declaration of candidacy,  
withdrawal—  
Ballots.

If the proposed consolidated district will lie in two or more counties, candidates shall file with the principal county auditor. The principal county auditor in such case shall be election officer, and the county auditors of other counties having area within such proposed port district shall cooperate by providing such books and records and assisting as may be required in carrying out such election and all subsequent elections in any such consolidated port district. Any candidate may withdraw his declaration at any time within five days after the last day allowed for filing declaration of candidacy. There shall be no fee charged for filing a declaration of candidacy for port commissioner at this election. All names of candidates to be voted upon shall be printed upon the ballot alphabetically by port commissioner districts. Names of candidates printed upon the ballot need not be rotated.

RCW 53.46.030  
amended.

Certification of  
election—  
Establishment  
as municipal  
corporation—  
Commissioners, terms.

SEC. 4. Section 3, chapter 26, Laws of 1961 and RCW 53.46.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The county canvassing board of election returns shall certify the results of the election to the board of county commissioners; and if at such election a majority of voters voting on the question of consolidation in each port district to be consolidated shall vote in favor of consolidation, the board of county commissioners shall so declare, and the port district resulting from the consolidation shall then be and become a municipal corporation of the state of Washington. The county auditor shall in such event issue a certificate of election to the successful candidate from each port commissioner district. If the proposed district includes area in two or more counties, certificates of election shall be issued by the principal county auditor, and the canvassing board of elections shall be made up of the chairmen of the board of county commissioners, prosecutors, and the auditors of each county with area within the consolidated

port district. Of the successful port commissioner candidates, if three are elected, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified at the third subsequent regular election for port commissioner, and the ones receiving the second and third highest numbers of votes shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified at the second and first subsequent regular elections for port commissioner, respectively. If five or seven commissioners are elected, the two with the greatest number of votes shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified at the third subsequent regular election of port commissioners, the two commissioners receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified at the second subsequent regular election of port commissioners; and the remaining commissioner or commissioners shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified at the next regular election of port commissioners.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1961, and to chapter 53.46 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Upon consolidation of two or more port districts the title to all property owned by or held in trust for the former districts shall vest in the consolidated port district.

Title to property upon consolidation.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1961, and to chapter 53.46 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

If the district includes area from two or more counties, it shall be the duty of the county assessor in each county to certify annually to the auditor of his county, who shall forward the same to the principal county auditor, the total assessed valuation of that part of the port district which lies within his county. The port commission of such consolidated

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port district shall certify to the principal county auditor the budget and the levies to be assessed for port purposes: *Provided*, That the amount of tax to be levied upon taxable property of that part of a port district lying in one county shall be in such ratio to the whole amount levied upon the property lying in the entire consolidated port district as the assessed valuation lying in such county bears to the assessed valuation of the property in the entire consolidated port district.

Thereafter the principal county auditor shall forward a certificate to each county auditor, for the county commissioners thereof, which shall specify the proportion of taxes to be levied for port district purposes.

New section.

SEC. 7. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1961, and to chapter 53.46 RCW a new section to read as follows:

—Levy,  
collection, dis-  
position of tax.

Upon receipt of the certificate from the principal county auditor as provided in section 6 of this amendatory act it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of each county to levy on all taxable property of the consolidated port district which lies within the county a tax sufficient to raise the amount necessary to meet the county's proportionate share of the total tax levy. Such taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected. The proceeds shall be forwarded quarterly by the treasurer of each county to the principal county treasurer. The principal county treasurer shall place to the credit of said consolidated port district all funds received from the other county treasurers as well as those amounts he shall have collected for the account of the port district. The principal county treasurer shall be the treasurer of the consolidated port district and shall perform all functions required of a treasurer of a port district.

SEC. 8. Any port district created by consolidation prior to the effective date of this amendatory act, or formed hereafter under this amendatory act, shall have all the powers of a newly formed port district, without any other restriction except the requirements of RCW 53.46.040: *Provided*, That general obligation indebtedness outstanding for all port purposes within the area of the consolidated port shall not exceed the limits of RCW 53.36.030, and for purpose of computing such bonded debt, the bonds outstanding of all port agencies shall be considered.

Consolidated  
districts' rights  
and limitations.

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## CHAPTER 103.

[ Senate Bill No. 158. ]

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION—DUES.

AN ACT relating to education; limiting the total dues assessment by the school directors' association; and amending section 5, chapter 169, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 281, Laws of 1957 and RCW 28.58.360.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 169, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 281, Laws of 1957 and RCW 28.58.360 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 28.58.360  
amended.

The school directors' association may establish a graduated schedule of dues for members of the association based upon the number of certificated personnel in each district. Dues shall be established for the directors of each district as a group. The total of all dues assessed shall not exceed twenty cents for each one thousand dollars of the state-wide total of all school districts' general fund receipts. The board

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tors' associa-  
tion.  
Dues—Pay-  
ment.