

CHAPTER 51.

[House Bill No. 50.]

PORT DISTRICTS—COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT relating to port districts; amending section 3, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.010; amending section 4, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.020; amending section 9, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.035; amending section 7, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 2, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.040; amending section 10, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.055; amending section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1911 as last amended by section 3, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.120; amending section 2, chapter 62, Laws of 1913 as last amended by section 11, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.130; adding a new section to chapter 53.12; and repealing section 3, chapter 68, Laws of 1951 and RCW 53.12.173.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 53.12.010 amended.

The powers of the port district shall be exercised through a port commission consisting of three members. In port districts located in a class AA county the members shall be residents of the county in which the port district is located. In all other port districts, three commissioner districts, numbered consecutively, having approximately equal population and boundaries following ward and precinct lines, shall be described in the petition for the formation of the port district, and one commissioner shall be elected from each of said commissioner districts.

Port districts. Commissioners. Number of.

In port districts having additional commissioners as authorized by RCW 53.12.120 and 53.12.130, the powers of the port district shall be exercised through a port commission consisting of five members constituted as provided therein.

RCW 53.12.020 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 4, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 175, Laws of 1959, and RCW 53.12.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Port districts. Commissioners. Qualifications.

In port districts located in a class AA county no person shall be eligible to hold the office of port commissioner unless he is a qualified voter of the district. In all other port districts except those located in a class AA county the person must be a qualified voter of the commissioner district from which he is elected.

RCW 53.12.035 amended.

SEC. 3. Section 9, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.035 are each amended to read as follows:

Declarations of candidacy in class AA and A counties—Place, time and manner of filing.

All candidates for district offices in port districts of class AA and class A counties shall file their declarations of candidacy with the county auditor of the county as set forth in RCW 29.21.060, as now or hereafter amended and in the same manner as candidates for county offices. In port districts located in a class AA county the declaration may be for any numbered port commissioner position to be open in the next port district election. In port districts with five commissioners in existence on July 1, 1965, the respective numbered positions shall correspond to the numbers of the county commissioner districts from which the three original commissioners in the port districts were elected, with the central district being numbered one, and with positions four and five being assigned to the original at large commissioner positions for which the first incumbents received, respectively, the greater and lesser number of votes cast.

In all port districts in a class AA county, with three port commissioners there shall be three positions denominated positions one, two and three, and declarations of candidacy shall be for a specific position. Where a proposition for an increased number of port commissioners is on the ballot under RCW

53.12.120 and RCW 53.12.130, the two additional positions shall be denominated positions four and five, and candidates for the positions thus proposed to be created shall file declarations of candidacy for a specific position.

SEC. 4. Section 7, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 2, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.040 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 53.12.040 amended.

In port districts, other than port districts located in a class AA county, port commissioners shall file declarations of candidacy with the county auditor in which the port district is located for the commissioner district in which the candidate is a resident.

Declarations of candidacy—
Place of filing.

SEC. 5. Section 10, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.055 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 53.12.055 amended.

In the event that more than two candidates are filed after the last day for withdrawal of candidacy, in port districts in class AA and class A counties, the county auditor shall conduct a port district primary at the time provided by general law for such primaries.

Primaries in class AA and A counties, when.

In the event that after the last day for withdrawal of candidacy no more than two candidates are filed for the office of port district commissioner in any port commissioner district of a port district located in a class A county or for any numbered position for port district commissioner in any port district in a class AA county, the county auditor shall not conduct a primary and shall notify the candidates that there will be no primary.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 53.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The names of candidates for each position for port commissioner shall be rotated in the manner provided in RCW 29.30.040.

Ballots, rotation of names.

SEC. 7. Section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1911 as last amended by section 3, chapter 175, Laws of 1959

RCW 53.12.120 amended.

and RCW 53.12.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Port districts. Commissioners. Increasing number of commissioners, election on—Numbered positions.

In port districts having a population of five hundred thousand or more, in accordance with the latest United States census, there shall be submitted to the voters of the district, at the first general election after June 11, 1953, the proposition of increasing the number of commissioners to five. At any general election thereafter, the same proposition may be submitted by resolution of the port commissioners, by filing a certified copy of the resolution with the county auditor at least four months prior to the general election. If the proposition is adopted, the commission in that port district shall consist of five commissioners in positions numbered as specified in section 3 of this amendatory act, the additional commissioners to take office five days after the election.

RCW 53.12.130 amended.

SEC. 8. Section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1911 as last amended by section 11, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 and RCW 53.12.130 are each amended to read as follows:

—Terms— Election of successors.

At the same general election the names of the candidates for the additional port commissioner positions numbered four and five shall be printed on the ballot and voted on, but the election of such additional commissioners shall be contingent upon the adoption of the proposition for a commission of five members. The candidate for each additional numbered position receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, and shall take office five days after the election. The additional commissioner thus elected receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for six years and the other shall hold office for four years from the date provided by law for port commissioners to next commence their terms of office.

A successor to a commissioner holding position four or five whose term is about to expire, shall be

elected at the general election next preceding such expiration, for a term of six years.

SEC. 9. Section 3, chapter 68, Laws of 1951 and RCW 53.12.173 are each repealed. Repeal.

Passed the House March 5, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 52.

[House Bill No. 51.]

ELECTIONS—POSITIONS—BALLOTS.

AN ACT relating to elections; amending section 29.30.080; chapter 9, Laws of 1965, and RCW 29.30.080; and adding a new section to chapter 29.18 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 29.18 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Not less than ten days before the time for filing declarations of candidacy for the office of state representative in representative districts embracing more than one county, the secretary of state shall in each case designate the positions to be filled by consecutive number commencing with the number, "No. 1". The county auditor shall do likewise for state representative positions in counties wherein the representative districts are confined to the whole or part of a single county. Election of state representative by position number.

The state representative position so designated shall be dealt with as separate offices for all election purposes. The provisions of this section shall not apply to those representative districts assigned a single state representative position.

SEC. 2. Section 29.30.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.30.080 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 29.30.080 amended.