

be ((one)) ten dollars. A separate license shall be required for each store, warehouse, establishment or place of business from which sales are made. All licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of May next following the date of issue, and shall be renewed and expire annually as in the case of the original license. The board shall issue the license required upon application and exhibition of a duplicate receipt showing payment to the state treasurer of the prescribed fee.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 202

[Engrossed House Bill No. 372]

ELECTIONS--

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending section 29.04.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 123, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.04.020; amending section 29.04.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.04.080; amending section 6, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.04.100; amending section 29.07.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.010; amending section 29.07.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.020; amending section 29.07.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.040; amending section 29.07.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.050; amending section 29.07.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.060; amending section 29.07.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.070; amending section 29.07.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.080; amending section 29.07.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.090; amending section 29.07.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.095; amending section 29.07.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.100; amending section 29.07.105, chapter 9, Laws

of 1965 and RCW 29.07.105; amending section 29.07.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.110; amending section 29.07.120, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.120; amending section 29.07.130, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.130; amending section 29.07.140, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.140; amending section 29.07.150, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.150; amending section 29.07.160, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.160; amending section 29.07.170, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.170; amending section 29.07.180, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.180; amending section 29.10.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.020; amending section 29.10.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.030; amending section 29.10.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.040; amending section 29.10.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.060; amending section 29.10.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 3, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.080; amending section 29.10.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.090; amending section 29.10.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.095; amending section 29.10.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.100; amending section 29.10.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.110; amending section 29.10.120, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.120; amending section 3, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 225, Laws of 1967 and RCW 29.10.140; amending section 4, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.150; amending section 8, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.160; amending section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.010; amending section 29.36.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.020; amending section 29.36.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.095; amending section 29.48.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.48.030; amending section 29.51.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 9, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.51.060; amending section 29.51.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.51.070; amending section 29.51.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.51.110; amending section 29.62.150, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.62.150; adding a new section to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.07 RCW; repealing sections 29.10.010 and 29.10.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.010 and 29.10.070; and providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 29.04.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 123, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.04.020 are

each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor of each county shall be ex officio the supervisor of all elections, general or special, and it shall be his duty to provide places for holding such elections; to appoint the precinct election officers; to provide for their compensation; to provide ballot boxes and ballots or voting machines, poll books or precinct lists of registered voters, and tally sheets, and deliver them to the precinct election officers at the polling places; to publish and post notices of calling such elections in the manner provided by law, and to apportion to each city, town, or district, its share of the expense of such elections: PROVIDED, That this section shall not apply to general or special elections for any city, town, or district which is not subject to RCW 29.13.010 and 29.13.020, but all such elections shall be held and conducted at the time, in the manner, and by the officials (with such notice, requirements for filing for office, and certifications by local officers) as provided and required by the laws governing such elections.

Sec. 2. Section 29.04.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 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. He shall provide uniform regulations governing the maintenance of voter registration records on electronic or automatic data processing systems so that the records of counties using such systems shall be compatible. He shall supervise the development and use of such systems to insure that they conform to all the provisions of Title 29 RCW and the regulations provided for in this section.

Sec. 3. Section 6, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.04.100 are each amended to read as follows:

All poll books or current precinct lists of registered voters shall be public records and be made available for inspection under such reasonable rules and regulations as the county auditor may prescribe. The county auditor shall promptly furnish copies of any poll books or current precinct lists of registered voters in his possession, at a uniform cost, to any ((person)) registered voter in the state of Washington requesting such copies: PROVIDED, That such lists shall be used only for political purposes and shall not be used for commercial purposes. Any person who violates any provision of this 1971 amendatory act relating to the use of lists of registered voters shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years or fine of not more than

five thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

((On the day of any primary or election, general or special, the precinct election officer in charge of the inspector's copy of the poll book shall detach the two carbon copies as each page is filled, and shall make one copy available to the official representative of each major political party as shall have been designated in writing by the respective county chairman.))

Sec. 4. Section 29.07.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.010 are each amended to read as follows:

((The county auditor of each county shall be the registrar of voters for all rural precincts. He shall appoint a deputy registrar from time to time for each precinct or for any number of precincts and may appoint city or town clerks as deputy registrars to register voters residing in rural precincts that are adjacent to the city or town concerned. A deputy registrar must be a registered voter and shall hold office at the pleasure of the county auditor.))

In all counties the county auditor shall be the chief registrar of voters for every precinct within the county. He shall appoint a deputy registrar for each precinct or for any number of precincts and shall appoint city or town clerks as deputy registrars to assist in registering voters residing in cities, towns, and rural precincts within the county.

A deputy registrar shall be a registered voter and, except for city and town clerks, shall hold office at the pleasure of the county auditor.

The county auditor shall be the custodian of the official registration records of each precinct within that county. The expenses of registration shall be apportioned between the county and cities or towns therein in the same manner as provided in RCW 29.07.030.

Sec. 5. Section 29.07.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The city clerk shall be ((the)) a deputy registrar of voters in all ((city)) precincts within the county. ((In the case of city precincts lying partly within and partly without the city or town limits, the voters within and those without the city or town limits shall be registered in separate registration files.))

Sec. 6. Section 29.07.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Each deputy registrar ((of a rural precinct or precincts, including)), other than city or town clerks so deputized, shall be entitled to receive a fee of not less than twenty cents, the exact fee to be set by the board of county commissioners, for each elector registered: PROVIDED, That no employee of the county receiving a salary shall be entitled to such fees.

((The compensation of registrars of city precincts shall be provided by the governing body thereof: PROVIDED, That each deputy registrar shall be entitled to receive a fee of not less than twenty cents for each elector registered.)

The fees and expenses of registrars of city precincts for delivering the registration files to the polling places or to the county auditor, as the case may be, shall be fixed and paid as election expenses by the board of county commissioners, but mileage in no case shall exceed ten cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled.))

Sec. 7. Section 29.07.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.050 are each amended to read as follows:

((Registrars and deputy registrars of voters, and)) The registration officers, including such clerks in ((his)) their office as ((a registrar of voters)) the county auditor may deputize to take registrations, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before taking any registrations: "I, A. B., do swear (or affirm) that I will truly, faithfully and impartially perform my duties as registration officer, to the best of my judgment and abilities, and that I will register no person except upon his personal application before me." This oath shall be administered and certified to by an officer legally authorized to administer oaths, and shall be filed with the ((registrar)) county auditor.

Sec. 8. Section 29.07.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.060 are each amended to read as follows:

((A)) The registration officer shall administer to each person applying for registration in person the following oath: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer such questions as may be asked you concerning your qualifications as a voter under the laws of this state."

((A registrar and all persons authorized by him to take registrations)) The registration officers including deputized clerks, after they themselves have taken and subscribed to the oath prescribed for them, may administer such oaths and certify to the oath on such affidavits as are required in the procedure of registration of voters.

Sec. 9. Section 29.07.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Having administered the oath, the registration officer shall interrogate the applicant for registration, concerning his qualifications as a voter of the state, and of the county, city, town, and precinct in which he applies for registration, requiring him to state:

(1) The place and address of the last former registration of the applicant as a voter in the state;

(2) His full name;

((3) Whether he will be twenty-one years of age on the day of the next election;))

(3) Date of birth;

(4) Place of birth;

((5)) (5) Place of residence, street and number, if any, or post office or rural mail route address;

((6) Occupation;))

(6) Citizenship;

(7) If a citizen of the United States, whether native born or naturalized;

(8) If naturalized, whether in his own right or by virtue of his father's naturalization;

(9) In the case of a woman, not native born, whether naturalized in her own right or by virtue of her father's naturalization or by virtue of her marriage to a citizen of the United States;

(10) The place and date of the naturalization relied upon and the name of the court in which it took place;

(11) Whether the applicant having been a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States has ever renounced his allegiance to the United States, and if so, whether he has since been naturalized as a citizen of the United States;

(12) In case the applicant is of foreign birth and is not a naturalized citizen of the United States, whether he was a legal voter of the Territory of Washington prior to November 11, 1889;

(13) Whether the applicant was a legal voter of the state of Washington on November 3, 1896, or is able to read and speak the English language so as to comprehend the meaning of ordinary English prose, and in case the registration officer is not satisfied in that regard, he may require the applicant to read aloud and explain the meaning of some ordinary English prose;

((14) Whether the applicant has lost his civil rights by reason of being convicted of an infamous crime, and if so, whether such rights have been restored in the manner provided by law;))

(14) Whether the applicant is presently denied his civil rights as a result of being convicted of an infamous crime;

(15) Whether the applicant has resided in the state not less than eleven months;

(16) Length of residence in the county in which registration is applied for, not less than sixty days;

(17) Length of residence in the precinct in which registration is applied for;

(18) Whether the applicant is a taxpayer of the state((;

(19) The place and address of the last former registration of

the applicant as a voter in the state)).

Answers to all questions shall be inserted on ((the duplicate)) a registration ((card)) form to be prescribed by the secretary of state.

Sec. 10. Section 29.07.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.080 are each amended to read as follows:

If it appears to the satisfaction of the registration officer that the applicant is a qualified elector of a precinct ((within his jurisdiction)) within the county, the registration officer shall register the applicant by entering on ((an original and duplicate)) registration ((card)) form or forms to be prescribed by the secretary of state, under the proper headings:

(1) The surname of the applicant, followed by his given name, or names, if any;

(2) Sex;

(3) ((Whether he will be twenty-one years of age on the day of the next election)) Birthdate;

(4) ((Occupation)) The post office address, or street and number, if any, of the applicant;

(5) Whether a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States, or a voter of the ((Territory)) state of Washington;

(6) Whether able to read and speak the English language, or a voter of this state prior to November 3, 1896;

(7) Whether a taxpayer of the state of Washington;

(8) The name of the county, of the city or town, and name and number of the precinct in which registered;

(9) ((The post office address, or street and number address, if any, of the applicant)) All special taxing districts in which the applicant resides.

He shall then require the applicant to sign an oath ((on the original and duplicate registration cards)) in the following form: "I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the foregoing facts touching my qualifications as a voter, ((entered)) recorded in my presence by the registration officer, are true"; and the registration officer shall sign and date ((each of)) such ((cards)) oath in verification of the fact that the same ((were)) was signed and sworn to before him in the following form: "Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 19...., Registration Officer."

Otherwise the registration officer shall refuse to register the applicant.

Sec. 11. Section 29.07.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.090 are each amended to read as follows:

At the time of registering any voter, each registration officer shall require him to sign his name upon a ((third)) card upon

which the registrar has entered his surname followed by his given name or names and the name of the county and city or town, with post office and street address, and the name or number of the precinct, in which the voter is registered.

Sec. 12. Section 29.07.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.095 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person temporarily residing outside of the county of his permanent residence, but within the state of Washington, may register with the ((registrar or deputy registrar)) registration officer of the place where he is temporarily residing in the usual manner as required in this chapter: PROVIDED, That such registration in the county other than that of the permanent residence of the applicant may only be made within the period one hundred and twenty days prior to any state general election, subject to limitations as to closing of registration ((books)) records and other limitations as provided by law. The ((registrar or deputy registrar)) registration officer administering the oath and receiving the application and registration ((cards)) forms as provided in RCW 29.07.060 through 29.07.090 shall transmit the same to the ((proper registrar or deputy registrar)) county auditor of the county where the applicant permanently resides for processing in the same manner as though the applicant had personally applied directly to the registration officer of his residence.

Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 29.07.160 the registration application shall be received and acted upon immediately by the ((registrar)) registration officer of the place of permanent residence of the applicant if the application was received and oath administered by the registration officer at the place of temporary residence not less than thirty days preceding the next election.

Sec. 13. Section 29.07.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Registration officers in incorporated cities and towns shall keep their respective offices open for registration of voters during the days and hours when the same are open for the transaction of public business: PROVIDED, That in cities of the first class, the ((registrar of voters)) county auditor shall establish on a permanent basis at least one registration office in each legislative district that lies wholly or partially within the city limits by appointing persons as deputy registrars who may register any eligible elector of such city.

Each such deputy registrar, except for city and town clerks, shall hold office at the pleasure of the ((registrar of voters)) county auditor and shall maintain a fixed place, conveniently located, for the registration of voters but nothing in this section shall preclude door-to-door registration including registration from

a portable office as in a trailer.

Sec. 14. Section 29.07.105, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.105 are each amended to read as follows:

In all cities of the first, second and third class, the governing body shall by ordinance with the consent of the county auditor provide for additional temporary registration facilities during the fifteen day period, excepting Sundays, prior to the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote at a state primary election and during the fifteen day period, excepting Sundays, prior to the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote at a state general election by stationing deputy registrars at stores, public buildings or other temporary locations. The county auditor may deputize additional deputy registrars for the periods of temporary registration if so requested by the governing body of the city. The number of such temporary registration places to be so established and the hours to be maintained shall be, in the judgment of the governing body of the city concerned, adequate to afford ample opportunity for all qualified electors to register for voting, but in no event shall there be less than two such temporary registration places so established. Nothing in this section shall preclude door-to-door registration including registration from a portable office as in a trailer.

Sec. 15. Section 29.07.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Every deputy registrar ((of rural precincts)) located outside the county courthouse shall keep registration ((records and)) supplies at his usual place of residence or usual place of business at reasonable hours and at the end of each week mail to the county auditor the cards of those who have registered during the week: PROVIDED, That with the written consent of the county auditor a deputy registrar ((of rural precincts)) may designate some centrally located place for registration in lieu of the usual place where registration ((cards)) supplies are kept by giving notice thereof in such manner as he may deem expedient stating therein the days and hours when the place will be open for registration: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such consent of the county auditor may include authorization for door-to-door registration including registration from a portable office as in a trailer and the person or persons so deputized may register all eligible electors residing in any ((rural)) precinct within the county concerned.

Sec. 16. Section 29.07.120, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.120 are each amended to read as follows:

On each Monday next following the registration of any voter each county auditor ((and city clerk as registrars)) shall transmit all ((third)) cards required by section 11 of this 1971 amendatory

act which have been executed and received in his office during the prior week to the secretary of state for filing in his office. Each lot must be accompanied by the certificate of the registrar that the cards so transmitted are the original ((third)) cards, that they were signed by the voters whose names appear thereon and that the voters are registered in the precincts and from the addresses shown thereon.

Sec. 17. Section 29.07.130, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.130 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((third)) cards required by section 11 of this 1971 amendatory act shall be kept on file in the office of the secretary of state in such manner as will be most convenient for, and for the sole purpose of, checking initiative and referendum petitions and mailing pamphlets required for constitutional amendments and by the initiative and referendum procedure. They shall not be open to public inspection or be used for any other purpose.

Sec. 18. Section 29.07.140, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.140 are each amended to read as follows:

((The state auditor through the division of municipal corporations)) The secretary of state shall prescribe the specifications, including style, form, color, quality and dimensions, for the cards, records, forms, lists, binders, ((and)) cabinets or other supplies to be used ((throughout the)) in recording and maintaining voter registration ((procedure)) records. He shall notify each county auditor ((and city clerk)) what the specifications are, and they must in their procurement and use comply with them ((# PROVIDED, That the specifications for binders and cabinets must be general and not specific as to design)).

Sec. 19. Section 29.07.150, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.150 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor shall have custody of the registration ((files)) records for each precinct within the county. These records shall ((consist of)) be maintained as provided in either subsection 11 or 121 below.

11 In cabinets or binders, arranged to permit the insertion and securely fastening therein by means of a lock and key, of cards or records for the separate registration of the individual voters of the precinct ((7 and)) . In using this system, there shall be prepared for each voter registered two registration ((cards or)) records, an original and a duplicate.

The original cards shall be filed alphabetically by the surnames of the voters by precincts and constitute the official registration files of the voters of the various precincts and must contain spaces for recording the dates upon which the voter votes.

The duplicate cards shall bear the same information and signature of the voter ((but need not contain spaces for recording

the voting record. They)) and shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precincts ((, in the discretion of the registrar, shall be retained)) in the office of the ((registrar)) county auditor at all times, and shall not be open to public inspection.

(2) On a list containing such information required by section 10 of this 1971 amendatory act as may be prescribed by the secretary of state as necessary and pertinent to the conduct of the elections and on which all the voters in the county shall be listed alphabetically by their surnames: PROVIDED. That it shall be possible to prepare individual precinct lists of registered voters for each precinct containing only the names and other information required by section 10 of this 1971 amendatory act of all the voters registered in that precinct listed alphabetically by their surnames.

Sec. 20. Section 29.07.160, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.160 are each amended to read as follows:

The registration files of all precincts shall be closed against original registration or transfers between counties for thirty days immediately preceding every election and primary to be held in such precincts, respectively, but they shall remain open for an additional fifteen days for transfers of registration from one precinct within ((a city or town to another precinct in the same city or town and for transfers of registration from one rural precinct to another rural)) the county to another precinct in the same county.

The county auditor shall give notice of the closing of said files for original registration and transfer by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least five days before such closing.

Sec. 21. Section 29.07.170, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.170 are each amended to read as follows:

Immediately upon closing his registration files preceding an election, the ((registration officer having custody thereof)) county auditor shall insert therein his certificate as to the authenticity thereof. He shall then deliver the ((original)) registration ((files)) records for each precinct thus certified to the inspector or one of the judges thereof at the proper polling place before the polls open ((+ PROVIDED, That in the case of any general state or county election the county auditor may require all registration officers to deliver the files to him for delivery thereof by him to the precinct election officers)).

Sec. 22. Section 29.07.180, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07.180 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((original)) registration ((files)) records of each precinct delivered to the precinct election officers for use on the day of an election held in that precinct shall be returned by them to the county auditor ((or city clerk, as the case may be)) upon the

completion of the count of the votes cast in the precinct at that election. While in possession of the county auditor ((or city clerk)) they shall be open to public inspection under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed therefor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.07 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Once weekly, the deputy registrars shall transmit all registration records properly completed to the county auditor.

Sec. 24. Section 29.10.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Any registered voter who changes his residence from one ((rural)) precinct to another within the same county, shall have his registration transferred to his new address by sending to the county auditor a signed request stating his present address and precinct, and the address and precinct from which he was last registered, or by appearing in person before him to have his registration transferred, and signing such request.

Sec. 25. Section 29.10.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The signature of the voter on the request shall be compared with the signature of the voter on the registration ((cards)) records of such voter, and if it appears that the signatures have been made by the same person, the new place of residence and precinct name or number shall be entered upon ((both the original and duplicate)) registration ((cards)) records of the voter signing such request, and they shall be removed from the files of the precinct of the former residence and inserted in the files of the precinct of the present residence or shall be so designated as to appear on the precinct lists of registered voters of the precinct of the present residence instead of the precinct of former residence on all such subsequent lists.

Sec. 26. Section 29.10.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.040 are each amended to read as follows:

A registered voter who changes his residence from one county to another ((from a city or town to another city or town, or to a rural precinct; or from a rural precinct to a city or town)) county, shall be required to register anew. Before registering anew, the voter shall sign an authorization to cancel his present registration in substantially the following form: "I hereby authorize the cancellation of my registration in ((-----, precinct of -----, (city or town), -----, county or)) precinct of county." Such authorization shall be filed with the registration officer before whom the voter registers anew, and shall be forwarded promptly to the registrar of the county ((or city or town)) in which the voter was previously

registered. Upon the receipt of such authorization, the registrar of the county ((~~, or city or town,~~)) where the previous registration was made, shall cause the signature on the authorization to be compared with the signature on the registration ((~~cards~~)) forms of such voter, and if it appears that the signatures were made by the same person, the former registration record shall be canceled forthwith; but if it shall not so appear, it shall be the duty of the registrar receiving such authorization to notify the registrar of the county ((~~, or city or town,~~)) forwarding such authorization of the apparent fraud, and the registrar receiving such notification shall cancel the new registration, and note on the cards or forms the reason for such cancellation, and shall notify the person so registered anew, by mail of such cancellation and the reason therefor.

Sec. 27. Section 29.10.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.060 are each amended to read as follows:

If the boundaries of any city, township, or rural precinct are changed in the manner provided by law, the ((~~city clerk, town clerk, or~~)) county auditor ((~~, as the case may be,~~)) shall transfer the registration cards of every registered voter whose place of residence is affected thereby to the files of the proper precinct, noting thereon the name or number of the new precinct, ((~~and~~)) or change the addresses, the precinct names or numbers, and the special district designations for those registered voters on the voter registration lists of the county. It shall not be necessary for any registered voter whose residence has been changed from one precinct to another, by a change of boundary, to apply to the registration officer for a transfer of registration. The ((~~city clerk, town clerk, or~~)) county auditor ((~~, as the case may be,~~)) shall mail to each registrant in the new precinct a notice that this precinct has been changed from to, and that thereafter he will be entitled to vote in the new precinct, giving the name or number.

Sec. 28. Section 29.10.080, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 3, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.080 are each amended to read as follows:

On the first day of April of each odd-numbered year, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, ((~~every city clerk, town clerk, and~~)) every county auditor shall examine the registration ((~~files~~)) records in his custody, and if, from such examination, he finds that any registered voter has failed, for a period of thirty months preceding April 1st of said odd-numbered year to vote in at least one election, he shall remove the registration cards of such voter from the original and duplicate files, and cancel the same by entering thereon over his signature the words "canceled for failure to vote for thirty months" and the date of such cancellation or shall remove the name and other registration information of such voter from the

registration lists of the county and place them on a list identified with the date of cancellation and the words, "canceled for failure to vote for thirty months". He shall also notify the voter whose registration has been canceled, by mail, at his last registration address, of the fact that his registration has been canceled, and that he will not be entitled to vote at any election until he has registered anew. No voter's registration shall be canceled if his original registration was made less than thirty months prior to the cancellation date. The secretary of state shall be notified immediately of all such cancellations.

Sec. 29. Section 29.10.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.090 are each amended to read as follows:

The local registrar of vital statistics in cities of the first class shall submit monthly to the ((city clerk)) county auditor 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 canceling 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. This statement may be filed with any registration officer and the deputy registrar shall promptly forward such statement to the county auditor. Upon the receipt of such signed statement, the ((appropriate registration officer)) county auditor 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. 30. Section 29.10.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.095 are each amended to read as follows:

On or before the fifteenth day of July and quarterly thereafter, the local registrar of vital statistics in cities of the first class and the registrar of vital statistics of the state shall file a sworn statement with the secretary of state. The form of said statement shall be furnished by the secretary and shall recite the number of deaths that have occurred during the three months' period immediately preceding the date of said report and the fact that the county auditor ((or city clerk, as the case may be,)) has been notified. The number of deaths shall be further segregated as to city, town or rural areas.

Sec. 31. Section 29.10.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.100 are each amended to read as follows:

On the Monday next following the transfer or cancellation of the registration of any voter, each ((registrar of voters)) county auditor must certify to all transfers or cancellations made during the prior week to the secretary of state. The certificate shall set forth the name of each voter whose registration has been transferred or canceled, the county, city or town, and precinct in which he was registered and, in case of a transfer, also the name of the county and city or town, the name or number of the precinct and the post office address (including street and number) to which the registration of the voter was transferred.

Sec. 32. Section 29.10.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Every ((city clerk and)) county auditor shall carefully preserve in a separate file or list, to be kept in his office for that purpose, all original and duplicate registration ((cards)) records canceled. The files or lists for the preservation of canceled registration ((cards,)) records shall be arranged and kept in alphabetical order irrespective of the precincts from which the canceled ((cards)) records were ((received and)) taken. The signed statement or an index reference to file of such signed statements used as the authority for cancellation as provided in RCW 29.10.090, 29.10.110, 29.10.130 through 29.10.160, 29.04.100 and 29.51.060 shall be firmly affixed to the canceled ((duplicate)) registration ((card Permanent Registration Form No. 2)) record.

The ((city or town clerk and)) county auditor may destroy all original ((cards Permanent Registration Form No. 4)) that)) registration forms after they have been canceled for a period of ((four)) two years or more.

Sec. 33. Section 29.10.120, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.120 are each amended to read as follows:

On or before August 1st of the odd-numbered year, each county auditor ((, city or town clerk,)) shall execute a sworn statement and

file same with the secretary of state within ten days after date of execution. Said statement shall be furnished by the office of secretary of state and shall be in substantially the following form:
State of Washington)
)
) ss.
County of.....)

I,, do solemnly swear that I have caused to be examined the permanent voting record of each registered voter under my jurisdiction and have canceled those registrations of said voters who have failed to cast a ballot at any election held during the ((four year)) thirty month period immediately prior to the first day of April of this year as provided by law.

Further, the number of said cancellations totaled A notice has been mailed to each elector concerned and the office of the secretary has been notified of said cancellations as reported on Permanent Registration Form No. 8.

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to.

Sec. 34. Section 3, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 225, Laws of 1967 and RCW 29.10.140 are each amended to read as follows:

All such signed forms shall be delivered to the appropriate ((registration officer)) county auditor who shall cancel the registration records of the voters concerned on the thirtieth day following date of mailing or as soon thereafter as is practicable: PROVIDED, That notice of intent to cancel the registration on account of a claimed change of residence shall be mailed by certified mail to that address at which the challenged voter actually resides in order to assure that proper notice will be received by the challenged voter.

Any voter, whose registration has been so questioned, who believes that the allegation is not true, shall within twenty days of such mailing or publication file a written protest with ((his registration officer)) the county auditor. ((Said registration officer)) The county auditor shall immediately notify, by certified mail, the challenger and the challenged voter to appear at a meeting to be held at a place, day and hour certain to be stated in the notice, for determination of the validity of such registration: PROVIDED, That should the challenged voter be unable to appear in person he may file a reply by means of an affidavit stating therein under oath the reasons he believes his registration to be valid and should the challenger be unable to appear in person he may file a statement by means of affidavit stating the reasons he believes the registration to be invalid.

The hearing shall take place at the time and place designated by the ((registration officer)) county auditor. In the event both the challenger and the challenged voter file affidavits instead of appearing in person, an evaluation of such affidavits by the ((registration officer)) county auditor shall constitute a hearing for the purposes of this section.

((At the meeting to be held by the registration officer, he shall hear both parties according to the facts presented and his ruling shall be final, unless ordered otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction)) The county auditor shall hold a hearing at which time both parties shall present their facts and arguments. After reviewing the facts and arguments, the county auditor shall rule as to the validity or invalidity of the challenge. His ruling shall be final subject only to a petition for judicial review by the superior court under the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW, as it is now or hereafter amended. If the challenger fails to appear at the meeting or fails to file an affidavit, the registration in question may remain in full effect as determined by the ((registration officer)) county auditor. If the challenged voter fails to appear at the meeting or fails to file an affidavit, then the registration shall be canceled and the voter so notified.

Sec. 35. Section 4, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.150 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of state as chief elections officer shall cause appropriate forms to be designed to carry out the provisions of RCW 29.04.100, 29.10.110, 29.10.130 through 29.10.160 and 29.51.060. The ((respective)) county auditors and ((city and town clerks)) registrars shall have such forms available. Further, a reasonable supply of such forms shall be at each polling place on the day of a primary or election, general or special.

Sec. 36. Section 8, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.160 are each amended to read as follows:

At the time ((any registration officer)) the county auditor inspects the permanent registration records in his possession, to determine whether or not any voter's record should be canceled for failure to vote as provided in section RCW 29.10.080, as ((it)) now ((exists)) or hereafter amended, he shall also compare the voter registration record with the signature and address of each voter as it appears in the poll book used at the most recent preceding state general election. If the address of any voter, as written by the voter, in the poll book does not agree with the address of the voter as stated on his permanent registration records, the registration officer shall:

(1) Send a notice, by certified mail to addressee only, with return receipt requested, showing address where delivered, to the

voter, using the address as given in the poll book and advising him that he must either have his registration transferred or register anew, as the case may be. Such notice shall also contain a prepaid postcard form addressed to the ((registration officer)) county auditor for the convenience of the voter to indicate what action the voter intends to take.

(2) If the voter believes that his registration record should not be changed, he shall so notify ((his registration officer)) the county auditor who, in turn, shall promptly arrange for a hearing unless it is manifestly apparent that the voter's reasons are valid for keeping his record unchanged. If a hearing is necessary, any ruling issued by the registration officer shall be final, subject only to ((an appeal to)) a petition for judicial review by the superior court under the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

(3) If the notice mailed by the ((registration officer)) county auditor is either returned as undeliverable or the voter does not respond within thirty days from the date of mailing, the ((registration officer)) county auditor shall cancel the registration record concerned and notify the secretary of state of such cancellation. If the voter received the notice, as evidenced by the return receipt, the ((registration officer)) county auditor shall further notify such voter by first class mail that his registration has been canceled.

Sec. 37. Section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Any duly registered voter may vote an absentee ballot for any primary or election in the manner provided in this chapter providing that one of the following conditions is applicable:

(1) The voter expects to be absent from his precinct during the polling hours on the day of the primary or election; or

(2) The voter is unable to appear in person at his polling place to cast a ballot because of illness or physical disability; or

(3) The voter, because of his religious tenets, cannot with clear conscience cast his ballot on the day of the primary or election.

A voter desiring to cast an absentee ballot must apply in writing to his county auditor ((or city clerk if he lives in a city or town)) no earlier than forty-five days nor later than the day prior to any election or primary.

Such application must contain the voter's signature and may be made in person or by mail or messenger. If by mail or messenger, the registrar must honor a written application in any form if it states that the applicant cannot vote in person for any one of the three reasons enumerated in this section: PROVIDED, That no application

for an absentee ballot shall be approved unless the voter's signature upon the certificate or application compares favorably with the voter's signature upon his permanent registration record.

Sec. 38. Section 29.36.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The certificate to be issued by a county ((or city registrar)) auditor honoring a request for an absentee ballot shall state that:

(1) The registrar can identify the applicant by his signature;

(2) The applicant is a voter, registered and qualified to vote, giving the county ((or)), city or town, if any, and precinct in which he is qualified to vote and also his place of residence;

(3) The applicant has affixed his signature to the certificate in the place provided therefor in the presence of the registrar; or the registrar has identified the applicant from the signature on his written application.

The certificate must be made in duplicate. If the voter is making his application in person, he shall sign both copies of said certificate. If the voter is making application by mail, the original certificate shall be affixed to his application.

All original certificates, together with applications affixed thereto, must be delivered to the officer having jurisdiction of the election, or his duly authorized representative, before an absentee ballot can be issued.

The duplicate certificate shall be securely attached to the applicant's permanent registration ((card)) record or a notation to this effect shall be made by the applicant's name on the appropriate precinct lists of registered voters until after the election.

Sec. 39. Section 29.36.095, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.095 are each amended to read as follows:

After the completion of the canvass of the election returns of any primary or election, the canvassing authority shall cause the names of the persons casting absentee ballots to be listed alphabetically and by precincts ((, according to incorporated and unincorporated areas)). Such lists of absentee voters shall be ((sent to the appropriate registration officer who shall)) used to enter on the respective voters registration record in the space provided for that purpose, the month, day and year of the primary or election (for example 11/2/54) or otherwise credit the voter with having participated in that election: PROVIDED, That no precinct office shall appear upon an absentee ballot.

Sec. 40. Section 29.48.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.48.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Before the hour for opening the polls at any primary or election and allowing a reasonable time for preparation thereof, the county auditor or other officer in charge of such primary or election

shall deliver to the inspector or one of the judges of each precinct:

(1) Two poll books or two copies of the precinct list of registered voters for use in recording the names and signature of all persons who vote at the election:

(2) Ballots equal in number to one hundred ten percent of the number of voters registered therein or such further number as the county auditor or other officer in charge of such primary or election may certify to be necessary, except where voting machines are used in which case a less number may be delivered;

(3) A suitable ballot box (except when voting machines are in use), with lock and key, having an opening through the lid thereof of no larger size than sufficient to admit a single folded ballot;

(4) Two cards of instructions to voters printed in English in large clear type containing full instruction to voters as to how:

(a) To obtain ballots for voting;

(b) To prepare the ballots for deposit in the ballot boxes;

(c) To obtain a new ballot in the place of one spoiled by accident or mistake;

(5) The voters' registration files or precinct lists of registered voters pertaining to the precinct;

(6) Two tallying books which must be printed in relation to the sample ballots: PROVIDED, That at primary elections (except where machines are used) there must be furnished to each precinct two sets of tally books for each political party having candidates to be voted for and the first sheet of each tally book shall be headed: "Tally book for(name of political party).....(name of city).....(county).....(ward).....(precinct) for the primary election held(date)." The names of the candidates shall be placed on the tally sheets in the order in which they appear on the sample ballots and in each case have the proper party designation at the head thereof;

(7) Two certificates printed in relation to the sample ballots or two sample ballots prepared as blanks, for certification of the result by the precinct election officers;

(8) Sample ballots;

(9) Two oaths for each inspector, each judge and each clerk;

(10) Three pamphlets containing arguments on measures for submission to voters;

(11) One U. S. flag;

(12) All other supplies necessary for conducting the election or primary.

Sec. 41. Section 29.51.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 9, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.51.060 are each amended to read as follows:

If any person appears and offers or demands the right to vote at any primary or election, as a registered voter in the precinct where the primary or election is held, the election officers shall require him to sign his name and current address subject to penalties of perjury in one of the official poll books or in a space provided on one of the precinct lists of registered voters, which shall be designated the county auditor's copy ((, and shall compare such signature with the signature upon the registration card of the person registered under the same name. If the election officers, or a majority of them, upon comparing the signatures are satisfied that the person offering to vote is the identical person registered, they shall permit him to vote)): PROVIDED, That if the person registered ((signed his registration card with)) using a cross or mark, and being identified by the signature of some other person, the election officers must require the person offering to vote to be identified by the person who so signed ((the registration card)), or by a registered voter of the precinct. Unless the identifying witness is personally known to the election officers, or to some of them, they may require the identifying witness to sign his name in the presence of the election officers for the purpose of identification.

As soon as it is determined that the person is qualified to vote, one of the precinct election officers shall copy the voter's name and address on the corresponding line in a second poll book or precinct list of registered voters which shall be identified as the inspector's copy. ((Such second poll book shall contain two extra copies of each page and so designed that two carbon copies can be easily made and readily detached.))

Sec. 42. Section 29.51.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.51.070 are each amended to read as follows:

At every primary and election whereat only registered voters may vote, as each voter casts his vote, and, where voting machines are used, before each voter enters the voting machine booth, each clerk shall insert in his list of voters, opposite the voter's name, the letter "V" and the number of his vote or ballot and the inspector or one of the judges shall enter on the voter's registration card or beside his name on the precinct list of registered voters, in the space provided for that purpose, the month, day and year of the primary or election (for example 11/4/30) ((which entry may be with pen and ink or by a stamp provided for that purpose)) or such other notation as may be prescribed to credit the voter with having participated in the election.

Sec. 43. Section 29.51.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.51.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon delivery of each ballot after being marked and folded by a voter, the inspector in an audible tone shall repeat the name of

the voter and the number of the ballot. The election clerks having in charge the registration cards and poll books ((*or either*)) or precinct lists of registered voters, if they find that the number marked opposite the voter's name thereon corresponds with the number of the ballot handed to the inspector, shall mark the word "voted" or check a spot so designated opposite the name of such voter and one of the clerks shall call back in an audible tone the name of the voter and the number of his ballot. The inspector shall then separate the slip containing the number of the ballot from the ballot and shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box. The numbers removed from the ballots shall be destroyed immediately.

Sec. 44. Section 29.62.150, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.62.150 are each amended to read as follows:

All officers charged by law with the duty of canvassing the returns of primaries or elections, upon the completion of the canvass of any primary or election shall transmit to the registration officer of each county ((*or city and town, respectively,*)) the registration records used at the primary or election and by law required to be returned by the precinct election officers to the officials charged with the duty of canvassing the primary or election returns.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 45. Section 29.10.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.010 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 46. Section 29.10.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.10.070 are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 203

[Engrossed House Bill No. 346]

EDUCATION--

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

AN ACT Relating to education; and amending section 28A.58.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 27, chapter 283, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.100.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 28A.58.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 27, chapter 283, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Every board of directors, unless otherwise specially provided by law, shall: