

## CHAPTER 167

[Substitute House Bill No. 1349]

ELECTIONS—PRECINCTS—VOTER REGISTRATION—SPECIAL  
ELECTIONS—ELECTION COSTS—BALLOTS—OATHS OF OFFICE

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending RCW 29.04.040, 29.04.055, 29.07.065, 29.13.020, 29.18.025, 29.21.060, 29.30.010, 29.30.081, 29.30.310, 29.34.125, 29.36.010, 29.51.110, 28A.57.322, 35.23.190, 35.24.080, 35.27.120, 35A.12.080, 35A.29.110, 52.14.070, 54.12.100, and 68.16.180; adding a new section to chapter 29.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 29.07 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 29.13 RCW; and repealing RCW 29.07.150, 29.51.090, and 29.54.180.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 29.01 RCW to read as follows:

"Election board" means a group of election officers serving one precinct or groups of precincts in a polling place.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 107, Laws of 1980 and RCW 29.04.040 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No paper ballot precinct (~~shall~~) may contain more than three hundred voters. The county legislative authority may divide, alter, or combine precincts so that, whenever practicable, over-populated precincts shall contain no more than two hundred fifty registered voters in anticipation of future growth.

(2) Precinct boundaries may be altered at any time as long as sufficient time exists prior to a given election for the necessary procedural steps to be honored(~~(-PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That)~~). Except as permitted under subsection (5) of this section, no precinct boundaries (~~shall~~) may be changed during the period starting (~~(as of)~~) on the thirtieth day prior to the first day for candidates to file for the primary election and ending with the day of the general election.

(3) Precincts in which voting machines or electronic voting devices are used may contain as many as nine hundred registered voters(~~(-PROVIDED, That)~~), but there shall be at least one voting machine or device for each three hundred registered voters or major fraction thereof when a state primary or general election is held in an even-numbered year.

(4) On petition of twenty-five or more voters resident more than ten miles from any place of election, the county legislative authority shall establish a separate voting precinct therefor.

(5) The county auditor shall temporarily adjust precinct boundaries when a city annexes county territory to the city. The adjustment shall be made as soon as possible after the approval of the annexation. The temporary adjustment shall be limited to the minimum changes necessary to accommodate the addition of the territory to the city and shall remain in

effect only until precinct boundary modifications reflecting the annexation are adopted by the county legislative authority.

The county legislative authority may establish by ordinance a limitation on the maximum number of registered voters in each precinct within its jurisdiction. The limitation may be different for precincts based upon the method of voting used for such precincts and the number may be less than the number established by law, but in no case may the number exceed that authorized by law.

The county legislative authority of each county in the state hereafter formed shall, at their first session, divide their respective counties into election precincts with two hundred fifty voters or less and establish the boundaries of the ~~((same;))~~ precincts. The county auditor shall thereupon designate the voting place for each such precinct.

Sec. 3. Section 29.04.055, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 5, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.04.055 are each amended to read as follows:

At any election, general or special, or at any primary, the ~~((election authority))~~ county auditor may combine, unite, or divide precincts and may combine or unite election boards 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 held in an even-numbered year this section shall not apply))~~).

Sec. 4. Section 2, chapter 21, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.065 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other information required by this chapter, each applicant for registration shall establish his identity, unless personally known by the registration officer, by producing at least one of the following items:

(1) A social security card containing the applicant's signature. Whenever the social security record is so used, the registration officer shall enter the applicant's social security number upon the appropriate registration forms;

(2) A driver's license which contains the signature and/or a photograph of the applicant;

(3) A valid Washington state identicaid;

(4) A nationally or regionally known credit card containing the signature and/or photograph of the applicant;

(5) An identification card issued by the United States, any state or any agency of either, of a kind commonly used to identify the members or employees of such government agencies (including military I.D. cards), and which contain the signature and/or the photograph of the applicant.

In addition, whenever the registration officer has a doubt as to whether the applicant is of legal voting age, such officer ~~((may))~~ shall require the applicant to produce a record ~~((which))~~ that establishes the applicant's date of birth.

Failure to produce such identification except when necessary to establish the applicant's date of birth at the time of registration as set forth in this section shall not deter the act of registration: PROVIDED, That registration officials shall indicate on the registration form by checking either "identification produced" or "identification not produced".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 29.07 RCW to read as follows:

The county auditor shall have custody of the voter registration records for each county and shall maintain those records in accordance with this section.

(1) The original voter registration form, as established by RCW 29.07.070, shall be filed alphabetically without regard to precinct and shall not be available for public inspection and copying.

(2) An automated file of all registered voters shall be maintained pursuant to RCW 29.07.220, which shall be the source of the precinct lists of registered voters used at the polls on election day. Lists of registered voters produced from the automated file are public records and are thus available for inspection and copying.

Sec. 6. Section 29.13.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 3, Laws of 1980 and RCW 29.13.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years.

This section shall not apply to:

((+)) (a) Elections for the recall of any elective public officer((-));

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

((+)) (c) Consolidation proposals as provided for in RCW 28A.57.180 and nonhigh capital fund aid proposals as provided for in chapter 28A.56 RCW.

(2) 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 in such city, town, or district, and for the purpose of such special election he may combine, unite, or divide precincts. A special election called by such governing body shall be held on one of the following dates as decided by the governing body:

(a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;

(b) The second Tuesday in March, except that if a state-wide political party caucus by a major political party is scheduled on the second Tuesday,

then a special election may not be held on such date but may be held on the third Tuesday in March (~~(-PROVIDED HOWEVER, That in any county holding an election on the second Tuesday in March of 1980 pursuant to a home-rule charter adopted under Article XI, section 4 of the state Constitution, any city, town, or district where any portion of the registered voters of that city, town, or district reside within that charter county may hold special elections on the second Tuesday in March of 1980))~~);

(c) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April;

(d) The third Tuesday in May;

(e) The day of the primary election as specified by RCW 29.13.070; or

(f) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In addition to (a) through (f) above, a special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue may be called at any time to meet the needs resulting from failure of a school or junior taxing district to pass a special levy or bond issue for the first time or from fire, flood, earthquake, or other act of God, except that no special election may be held between the first day for candidates to file for public office and the last day to certify the returns of the general election other than as provided in (e) and (f) of this subsection. Such special election shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner provided by law.

This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different dates for such city, town, and district elections, the purpose of this section being to establish mandatory dates for holding elections.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 29.13 RCW to read as follows:

For any reimbursement of election costs under RCW 29.13.047, the secretary of state shall pay interest at an annual rate equal to two percentage points in excess of the discount rate on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the federal reserve bank in San Francisco on the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the payment for any period of time in excess of thirty days after the receipt of a properly executed and documented voucher for such expenses and the entry of an allotment from specifically appropriated funds for this purpose under RCW 43.88.111. The secretary of state shall promptly notify any county that submits an incomplete or inaccurate voucher for reimbursement under RCW 29.13.047.

Sec. 8. Section 2, chapter 142, Laws of 1984 and RCW 29.18.025 are each amended to read as follows:

Except where otherwise provided by state law, declarations of candidacy for the following offices shall be filed during regular business hours with the secretary of state or the county auditor no earlier than the ~~((last))~~ fourth Monday in July and no later than the following Friday in the year in which the office is scheduled to be voted upon:

(1) Offices that are scheduled to be voted upon for full terms or both full terms and short terms at, or in conjunction with, a state general election; and

(2) Offices where a vacancy, other than a short term, exists that has not been filled by election and for which an election to fill the vacancy is required in conjunction with the next state general election.

Sec. 9. Section 29.21.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 31, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.21.060 are each amended to read as follows:

All candidates for offices to be voted on at any election in first, second, and third class cities and fourth class municipalities (towns) shall file declarations of candidacy with the county auditor not earlier than the ~~((last))~~ fourth Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday in the year such regular city elections are held.

All candidates for district offices subject to the provisions of RCW 29.21.010(~~(, as now or hereafter amended,)~~) shall file their declarations of candidacy with the county auditor of the county not earlier than the ~~((last))~~ fourth Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday in the year such regular district elections are held: PROVIDED, That this chapter shall not change the method of nomination for first district officers at the formation of any district.

Any candidate for city, town, or district offices may withdraw his declaration at any time ~~((to and including the first Wednesday after))~~ before the Friday following the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

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 through 29.18.100(~~(-PROVIDED, That)),~~ but no filing fee ~~((shall))~~ may be charged ~~((in the event that))~~ if the office sought is without a fixed annual 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, the purpose of this section being to establish a uniform five-day period throughout the state of Washington for filing declarations of candidacy.

Sec. 10. Section 29.30.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 51, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.30.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Every primary paper ballot shall be uniform in color and size, shall be white and printed in black ink. Each ballot shall be identified at the top with the words, "Primary Election Ballot," and below that, the county in which the ballot is to be used, the date of the primary, and the instruction: "To vote for a person mark a cross in the first square at the right of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person not on

the ballot, write in the name of the candidate, and the party affiliation if for a partisan office, in the space provided." Beginning at the top of the left hand column, at the left of the line shall appear the name of the position for which the names following are candidates, and to the extreme right of the same line the words, "Vote for," then the words "One," "Two," or a spelled number designating how many persons under that head are to be voted for. Below this shall come the names of all candidates for that position, each followed by the name of the political party, if any, with which the candidate desires to affiliate or the word "nonpartisan", with a square to the right. Each position with the names running for that office, shall be separated from the following one by a bold line. All primary paper ballots shall be sequentially numbered, but done in such a way to permit removal of such numbers ((by precinct election workers)) without revealing the identity of any individual voter. There shall be no printing upon the back of the ballots nor any mark thereon to distinguish them.

Sec. 11. Section 60, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 121, Laws of 1982 and RCW 29.30.081 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) On the top of each general election paper ballot there shall be printed instructions directing the voters how to mark the ballot, including write-in votes. Next after the instructions and before the offices shall be placed the questions of adopting constitutional amendments or any other state measure authorized by law to be submitted to the voters of such election.

(2) The candidate or candidates of the major political party which received the highest number of votes from the electors of this state for the office of president of the United States at the last presidential election shall appear first below the office heading, the candidate or candidates of the other major political parties shall follow according to the votes cast for their nominees for president at the last presidential election, and the candidate or candidates of all other parties shall follow in the order of their qualification with the secretary of state. The candidates for nonpartisan offices shall be listed in the manner otherwise provided by law. There shall be blank spaces for writing in the name of any candidate, if desired, on the ballot.

(3) There shall be a  at the right of the name of each nominee so that a voter may clearly indicate the candidate or the candidates for whom he wishes to cast his ballot.

(4) Under the designation of the office there shall be indicated the number of candidates to such office to be voted for at such election.

(5) If the election is in a year in which a president of the United States is to be elected, the names of candidates for president and vice president for each political party shall be grouped together, each group enclosed in brackets with a single square to the right in which the voter indicates his choice.

(6) All paper ballots for general elections shall be sequentially numbered, but done in such a way to permit removal of such numbers (~~((by precinct election workers))~~) without leaving any identifying marks on the ballot. There shall be no printing on the back of the paper ballots nor any mark thereon to distinguish them.

Sec. 12. Section 33, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.30.310 are each amended to read as follows:

All ballot pages for primary, general, or special elections in counties using voting devices shall be uniform in color and size, shall be white, and shall be printed in black ink. The first page shall be identified at the top with the name of the election, the county in which the ballot page is to be used, and the date of the election. On the front of the first ballot page or prominently displayed on each voting device to be used at a primary, general, or special election, there shall be printed instructions directing the voters how to properly record a vote for any candidate and for or against any measure. Beginning at the top of the left hand column, at the left of the line shall appear the name of the position for which the names to the immediate right are candidates, and below the name of the office or position the words, "Vote for", then the words "One", "Two", or a spelled number designating how many persons under that head are to be voted for. Immediately to the right of the name of the office or position shall come the names of all candidates for that position, each followed by the name of the political party, if any, with which the candidate desires to affiliate or the word "nonpartisan", with an arrow or other notation at the right edge of the ballot page indicating where the voter is to punch or otherwise mark his ballot for that candidate. Each position with the names running for that office, shall be separated from the following one by a bold line. All ballot cards for primary elections shall be sequentially numbered, but done in such a way to permit removal of such numbers (~~((by precinct election workers))~~) without leaving any identifying marks on the ballot. There shall be no marks on the ballot cards which would distinguish an individual voter's ballot card from other ballot cards in the same precinct.

Sec. 13. Section 67, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.34.125 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) On the front of the first ballot page or prominently displayed on each voting device to be used at a general election, there shall be printed instructions directing the voters how to properly record a vote for any candidate and for or against any measure, including write-in votes. After the instructions and before the offices shall be placed the questions of adopting constitutional amendments or any other state measure authorized by law to be submitted to the voters of such election.

(2) All nominations of any party or group of petitioners shall be indicated by the title of such party or petitioners as designated by them in their certificate of nomination or petition, following the name of such candidate,

and the name of each nominee shall be placed beside the designation of the office for which he has been nominated.

(3) There shall be an arrow or other notation at the right edge of the ballot page opposite the name of each candidate indicating where the voter is to punch or otherwise mark his ballot card for that candidate.

(4) Under the designation of the office, if more than one candidate is to be voted for there shall be indicated the number of candidates to such office to be voted for at such election.

(5) If the election is in a year in which a president of the United States is to be elected, in spaces separated from the balance of the party tickets by a heavy black line, shall be the names and spaces for voting for candidates for president and vice president. The names of candidates for president and vice president for each political party shall be grouped together, each group enclosed in brackets with a single arrow or other notation to the right.

(6) All ballot cards for general elections shall be sequentially numbered, but done in such a way to permit removal of such numbers (~~by precinct election workers~~) without leaving any identifying marks on the ballot. There shall be no printing on the back of the ballot cards nor any mark thereon to distinguish an individual voter's ballot card from other ballot cards from the same precinct.

Sec. 14. Section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 273, Laws of 1985 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.

(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section and RCW 29.36.013, a registered voter desiring to cast an absentee ballot must apply in writing to his or her county auditor no earlier than forty-five days nor later than the day before any election or primary.

(2) An application honored for a primary ballot shall also be honored as an application for a ballot for the following general election if the voter so indicates on his or her application.

(3) A voter admitted to a hospital no earlier than five days before a primary or election and confined to the hospital on election day may apply by messenger for an absentee ballot on the day of the primary or election if a signed statement from the hospital administrator, or designee, verifying the voter's date of admission and status as a patient in the hospital on the day of the primary or election is attached to the absentee ballot application.

(4) (~~Such applications must contain the voter's signature and may be made in person, by mail, or messenger.~~) The application must be signed by the voter, and except as provided under chapter 29.39 RCW, an application for an absentee ballot ((shall not be approved)) is not valid unless the voter's signature ((upon)) on the application ((compares favorably with the)) is



substantially the same as that voter's signature ((upon)) on his or her registration record.

(5) An application for an absentee ballot shall be delivered to the county auditor of the county in which the voter is registered either in person, by mail, or by messenger. An absentee ballot application from a registered voter within this state shall be sent directly to the auditor of the county in which the voter is registered. An absentee ballot application from a registered voter who is temporarily outside this state may be sent either to the appropriate county auditor or to the secretary of state, who shall promptly forward the application to the appropriate county auditor. No person, organization, or association may distribute absentee ballot applications within this state that contains any return address other than that of a county auditor.

Sec. 15. Section 29.51.110, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 43, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. 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 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:)) The inspector shall, however, permit any voter expressing a desire to separate his or her own slip or to deposit his or her own ballot, or both, to do so. Any voter detaching or separating the number slip must return that slip to the inspector.

Sec. 16. Section 28A.57.322, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.57.322 are each amended to read as follows:

Every person elected or appointed to the office of school director, before entering upon the discharge of the duties thereof, shall take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and the state of Washington and to faithfully discharge the duties of his office according to the best of his ability. In case any official has a written appointment or commission, his oath or affirmation shall be endorsed thereon and sworn to before any officer authorized to administer oaths. School officials are hereby authorized to administer all oaths or affirmations pertaining to their respective offices without charge or fee. All oaths of office, when properly made, shall be filed with the ((officer with whom declarations of candidacy for such positions are filed)) county auditor.

Sec. 17. Section 35.23.190, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.23-.190 are each amended to read as follows:

Before entering upon his duties and within ten days after receiving notice of his election or appointment every officer of the city shall qualify by taking the oath of office and by filing such bond duly approved as may be required of him. The oath of office shall be filed with the county auditor. If no notice of election or appointment was received, the officer must qualify on or before the date fixed for the assumption by him of the duties of the office to which he was elected or appointed. The city council shall fix the amount of all official bonds and may designate what officers shall be required to give bonds in addition to those required to do so by statute.

The clerk, treasurer, city attorney, chief of police, police judge and street commissioner shall each execute an official bond in such penal sum as the city council by ordinance may determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties, including in the same bond the duties of all offices of which he is the ex officio incumbent.

All official bonds shall be approved by the city council and when so approved shall be filed with the city clerk except the city clerk's which shall be filed with the mayor. No city officer shall be eligible as a surety upon any bond running to the city as obligee.

The city council may require a new or additional bond of any officer whenever it deems it expedient.

Sec. 18. Section 35.24.080, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.24-.080 are each amended to read as follows:

In a city of the third class, the treasurer, city attorney, clerk, police judge, chief of police, and such other officers as the council may require shall each, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath of office and execute and file with the clerk an official bond in such penal sum as the council shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and otherwise conditioned as may be provided by ordinance. The oath of office shall be filed with the county auditor.

Sec. 19. Section 35.27.120, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.27-.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Every officer of a town before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and file with the ~~((town clerk))~~ county auditor his oath of office. The clerk, treasurer, and marshal before entering upon their respective duties shall also each execute a bond approved by the council in such penal sum as the council by ordinance may determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties including in the same bond the duties of all offices of which he is made ex officio incumbent.

All bonds, when approved, shall be filed with the town clerk, except the bonds of the clerk which shall be filed with the mayor.

Sec. 20. Section 35A.12.080, chapter 119, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 35A.12.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Any officer before entering upon the performance of his duties may be required to take an oath or affirmation as prescribed by charter or by ordinance for the faithful performance of his duties. The oath or affirmation shall be filed with the county auditor. The clerk, treasurer, if any, chief of police, and such other officers or employees as may be designated by ordinance or by charter shall be required to furnish annually an official bond conditioned on the honest and faithful performance of their official duties. The terms and penalty of official bonds and the surety therefor shall be prescribed by ordinance or charter and the bond shall be approved by the chief administrative officer of the city. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the city. When the furnishing of an official bond is required of an officer or employee, compliance with such provisions shall be an essential part of qualification for office.

Sec. 21. Section 35A.29.110, chapter 119, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 30, chapter 18, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 35A.29.110 are each amended to read as follows:

A candidate for office in a code city shall file a declaration of candidacy substantially in the form set forth in RCW 29.18.030 insofar as such form is applicable to nonpartisan offices. Declarations of candidacy for offices of code cities to be voted upon at any municipal general election shall be filed with the county auditor not earlier than the ~~((fast))~~ fourth Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday in the year such general election is to be held ~~((PROVIDED, That))~~. However, if the first election of all officers upon reorganization as a noncharter code city under a plan of government newly adopted in the manner provided in RCW 35A.02.020, 35A.02.030, 35A.02.080, or 35A.06.030 ~~((as now or hereafter amended))~~ is an election as provided in RCW 35A.02.050 ~~((as now or hereafter amended))~~, such declarations of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor not more than fifty nor less than forty-six days prior to the primary election provided for in RCW 35A.02.050 ~~((as amended))~~. Any candidate may withdraw his declaration at any time ~~((but not later than five days after))~~ before the Friday following the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy. Nominating petitions for charter commissioners and for any other office for which nominating petitions may be required shall be filed with the county auditor not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to the date of the election, and may be withdrawn at any time, but not later than five days after the last day allowed for filing such petitions.

Sec. 22. Section 29, chapter 34, Laws of 1939 as amended by section 34, chapter 230, Laws of 1984 and RCW 52.14.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Before beginning the duties of office, each fire commissioner shall take and subscribe the official oath for the faithful discharge of the duties of

office as required by RCW 29.01.135, which oath shall be filed in the office of the (~~clerk of the superior court in~~) auditor of the county in which the district is situated.

Sec. 23. Section 10, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.12.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Each commissioner before he enters upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation that he will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. This oath, or affirmation, shall be administered and certified by an officer of the county in which the district is situated, who is authorized to administer oaths, without charge therefor. The oath or affirmation shall be filed with the county auditor.

Sec. 24. Section 18, chapter 6, Laws of 1947 and RCW 68.16.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Each cemetery commissioner, before assuming the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an official oath to faithfully discharge the duties of his office, which oath shall be filed in the office of the county (~~clerk~~) auditor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 29.07.150, chapter 9, Laws of 1965, section 19, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.150;

(2) Section 29.51.090, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.51.090; and

(3) Section 95, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.54-.180.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. 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 168

[Substitute House Bill No. 1413]

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE BONDS

AN ACT Relating to revenue bonds; and adding new sections to chapter 39.46 RCW.

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