

CHAPTER 137.

[S. B. 79.]

AUTHORIZING CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS TO AMEND
THEIR CHARTERS.

AN ACT amending Sections 8955, 8956 and 8957 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington relating to elections, choosing or declining to choose fifteen electors to revise the city charter of cities of the first class, and providing for the submissions of such charter to the electors of such city, and relating to the publication of new, altered, changed or revised charters of the cities of the first class, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

§ 688,
Pierce's
Code.

SECTION 1. That section 8955 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

How com-
mission
to revise
charter
created.

Section 8955. Upon the petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors, as shown by the last general city election, of any city of the first class, the city council of said city shall, and without such petition the city council in joint session may, cause an election to be held, at which election there shall be chosen by the qualified electors of said city fifteen freeholders thereof, who shall have been residents of said city for a period of at least two years preceding their election, and qualified electors, whose duty it shall be to commence within ten days after their election, and within sixty days thereafter prepare a new charter for said city by altering, changing, revising, adding to or repealing their existing charter, together with any amendments thereto, and file the same with the city clerk: *Provided*, That at such election the ballots shall be so prepared that the qualified electors of such city may vote for or against choosing fifteen freeholders with the duties aforesaid, and unless a majority of all the votes cast on both propositions so submitted shall result

Time in
which
revision
must be
made.

Revision
filed with
city clerk.

Form of
ballots to
permit re-
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acceptance
of proposed
commission.

in the election of fifteen freeholders qualified as aforesaid, no new, altered, changed or revised charter shall be prepared or submitted to the electors of such city.

SEC. 2. That section 8956 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

§ 689,
Pierce's
Code.

Section 8956. If the election provided for in the foregoing section results in the election of fifteen freeholders as aforesaid, then such new, altered, changed and revised charter shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said city at an election to be called therefor pursuant to the provisions of law applicable to holding elections in such city, and if a majority of such qualified electors voting thereon ratify the same it shall become the charter of said city, and shall become the organic law thereof and supersede any existing charter.

If commis-
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revised
charter to
be submitted
to electors
for ratifica-
tion.

SEC. 3. That section 8957 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

§ 690,
Pierce's
Code.

Section 8957. Such new, altered, changed or revised charter shall be published in two daily newspapers in said city for at least thirty days prior to the day of submitting the same to the electors for their approval.

Publication
of proposed
charter.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate January 6, 1926.

Passed the House January 5, 1926.

Approved by the Governor January 14, 1926.