

SEC. 2. Section 7, chapter 1, Laws of 1933 (section 5114-7, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 531-13), is repealed. Acts repealed.

Passed the House February 12, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 96.

[S. H. B. 151.]

WAR TIME ELECTIONS.

An Act relating to elections and voting in time of war; amending sections 2, 3, and 8, chapter 4, Laws Extraordinary Session, 1944; adding a new section, to be known as section 29, to chapter 4, Laws Extraordinary Session, 1944; and repealing chapter 125, Laws of 1943 (sections 10758-14 and 10758-15, Rem. Supp. 1943).

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 4, Laws Extraordinary Session, 1944, is amended to read as follows: Amendments.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall remain in effect until the first day of January following the cessation of hostilities in all wars in which the United States is now engaged as declared by the President and Congress of the United States. While this act is in effect it shall supersede any existing provision of law in conflict with it, but such provisions are not repealed and after this act is no longer effective such provisions shall have the same force as though it had not been enacted. Effective period of wartime elections act.

Nothing contained in this act shall affect any municipal, district or local election, it being the intent that this act shall apply only to the biennial Statewide Primary and General Elections and such Statewide special elections as may be consolidated therewith. Scope of act.

SEC. 2. Section 3, chapter 4, Laws Extraordinary Session, 1944, is amended to read as follows:

War voter
defined.

Section 3. "War voter" means an elector who comes within any of the following categories:

(a) Member of the armed forces of the United States or any auxiliary branch thereof.

(b) Employee of the United States and serving outside the territorial limits of the United States.

(c) Employee of the American Red Cross and serving outside the territorial limits of the United States.

(d) Officer or member of the crew of a merchant vessel documented under the laws of the United States and serving outside the territorial limits of the United States.

(e) Civilian outside the United States attached to and serving with the armed forces.

(f) Any citizen of the State of Washington sojourning outside the territorial limits of the United States.

(g) Every person, eligible to register and qualified to vote, who has been discharged from the armed forces too late to register as a voter at the time when, and at the place where registration is required.

(h) A spouse of any person included in classes (a) to (g) of this section, inclusive, who because of the dislocations of war, is temporarily residing outside the State of Washington.

SEC. 3. Section 8, chapter 4, Laws Extraordinary Session, 1944, is amended to read as follows:

War ballots,
manner
secured.

Section 8. Any war voter may secure absent voters' ballots by mailing a signed request to the registration officer of the county, city or town of the war voter's residence or to the Secretary of State requesting such ballot. If the ballot request is addressed to the Secretary of State such request shall be forwarded by such officer immediately to the ap-

propriate registration officer. The request shall be signed by the applicant and shall state his last home address, the address to which he wishes the absent voter's ballot mailed and the branch of service to which applicant is attached. No request for an absent voter's ballot shall be rejected because of any error or insufficiency therein if the registration official can determine from such request the true name and address of the applicant.

In the alternative, a war voter's ballot may be requested on behalf of any war voter by the husband, wife, father, mother, sister, brother, son or daughter of such person, other than a minor, who on requesting a ballot for such war voter shall execute a written statement that the person for whom the ballot is requested is a legal voter of the State of Washington, giving such person's name and voting address and the address to which the ballot is to be mailed. Such statement shall be presented to the County Auditor of the voter's residence who shall thereupon act on such request in the same manner as requests received under the provisions of the first paragraph of this section. The County Auditor shall exercise due care and precaution to prevent duplication in the issuance of such ballots.

Ballots
secured
on request
of relatives.

SEC. 4. Chapter 4, Laws Extraordinary Session, 1944, is amended by the addition of a new section, to be known as section 29, as follows:

Section 29. All provisions of the existing general laws relating to primary and general elections shall remain in full force and effect except in so far as they may be superseded by some express provision hereof: *Provided*, That at all elections held during the effective period of this act the voting polls shall remain open on both primary and general election days for fourteen (14) continuous hours from eight (8) o'clock, A. M., until ten (10) o'clock, P. M.

Hours when
polls open.

Acts repealed.

SEC. 5. Chapter 125, Laws of 1943 (sections 10758-14 and 10758-15, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 746A-1 -2), is repealed.

Passed the House March 1, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 97.

[H. B. 152.]

STATE LANDS—TIMBER.

AN ACT relating to state lands; removing dead timber therefrom; and the licensing and regulation thereof.

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

Licenses for removal of dead timber.

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of Public Lands may issue annual licenses to residents of this state who are citizens of the United States or have declared their intention to become such to enter upon lands belonging to the state for the purpose of removing therefrom dead timber which is unfit for any purpose except to be used as firewood.

Use must be personal.

SEC. 2. In addition to other matters which may be required to be contained in the application for a license under this act the applicant must certify that the wood so removed is to be only for his own personal use and in his own home and that he will not dispose of it to any other person.

License fee.

SEC. 3. The application may be made to the Commissioner of Public Lands or his duly qualified representative for that purpose, and if deemed proper, the license may be issued upon the payment of one dollar (\$1) which shall be paid into the treasury of the state by the officer collecting the same and placed in the State General Fund; the license shall be dated as of the date of issuance and authorize the holder thereof to remove between the dates of Oc-