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## CHAPTER 132.

[S. B. 399.]

### OFFICERS OF DIKING DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to diking districts; the election and terms of office of Commissioners thereof and amending section 4, chapter 146, Laws of 1921 (section 4242, Remington's Revised Statutes; section 1946-6, Pierce's Code) and declaring an emergency.

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

Amend-  
ments.

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 146, Laws of 1921 (section 4242, Remington's Revised Statutes; section 1946-6, Pierce's Code) is amended to read as follows:

Election of  
Dike Com-  
missioners.

Section 4. A general election for the election of a Board of Dike Commissioners for such district shall be held upon the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, 1916, and annually thereafter. The term of office of Commissioners shall be for three years and until their successors are elected and qualified, but of the Commissioners elected at the first election held under the provisions of this act the Commissioner receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for three years. The Commissioner receiving the second highest number of votes shall hold office for two years, and the Commissioner receiving the third highest number of votes shall hold office for one year. The term of office shall begin on the first Monday of the following April. The Commissioners of such district shall by

Time.

Term of  
office.

First  
election.

Rotation in  
office.

resolution passed at least thirty days immediately preceding the date of election, determine the time of opening and closing the polls on such election date, which shall not be less than four hours, and shall fix in such resolution the compensation of judges, clerks and inspectors at such election, and if such resolution be not passed the election shall be held the same as the last preceding election in said district, and otherwise such election shall be held in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Washington for the election of county and state officers, and the expenses thereof shall be defrayed by said district: *Provided*, That at least thirty days' notice immediately preceding any such general election shall be given thereof by the Board of Commissioners of such diking district, by posting the same in four public places within said district. Said notice shall contain the names of two electors of the county owning land in the district as judges of said election and the name of one elector of the county owning land in the district as inspector thereof, the same to be chosen by said Board of Commissioners. Said Board of Commissioners shall be a canvassing board to canvass the votes of each election, and they shall meet the day following such election and canvass said votes and declare the result thereof and issue certificates of election.

Resolution for election.

Compensation for election board.

In conformance with general election laws.

Notice.

Appointment of election board.

Commissioners to canvass vote.

Time of canvass.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and of the existing institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

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