

CHAPTER 247.

[S. B. 320.]

ELECTIONS—SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIMARIES.

AN ACT relating to primary elections; providing primaries for school districts embracing certain cities of the first class; amending section 1, chapter 101, Laws of 1955 and RCW 29.21.180; amending section 5, chapter 194, Laws of 1945, as last amended by section 5, chapter 101, Laws of 1951, and RCW 29.21.060; and adding five new sections to chapter 29.21 RCW.

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

RCW 29.21.180 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 101, Laws of 1955 and RCW 29.21.180 are each amended to read as follows:

When no primary in certain offices—Prerequisites—Procedure.

No primary shall be held relating to the offices of state superintendent of public instruction, county superintendent of schools, or officers of school districts embracing a city of over one hundred thousand population if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two candidates filed for each position to be filled. In such event all candidates concerned shall be notified. Names of candidates that would have been printed upon the primary ballot, but for the provisions of this section, shall be printed upon the general election ballot alphabetically in groups under the designation of the respective titles of the offices for which they are candidates.

RCW 29.21.060 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 5, chapter 194, Laws of 1945, as last amended by section 5, chapter 101, Laws of 1951, 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 in school districts embracing a city of over 100,000 population shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty nor less than forty-five days prior to the day of the primary with the clerk thereof.

All candidates for district offices, other than in irrigation districts or school districts embracing a city of over 100,000 population, shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty nor less than forty-five days prior to the date of the election with the officer or board charged with the conduct of the election: *Provided*, That in the case of port districts and public utility districts, and in no others, nominations shall be made by means of nominating petitions: *Provided further*, That this chapter shall not change the method of nomination for first district officers at the formation of the district. Any candidate may withdraw his declaration at any time within five days after the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

Declarations of candidacy in first, second, third class cities and certain districts.

The city clerk in class A counties shall transmit to the county auditor at least thirty-five days before the date fixed for the primary, a certified list of the candidates to be voted on thereat as represented by the declarations of candidacy filed in his office.

All candidates required to file declaration of candidacy shall pay the same fees and be governed by the same rules as obtain with respect to candidates for nomination at the September primary elections: *Provided*, That no filing fee shall be charged in the event that the office sought is without compensation.

Note: See also section 7, chapter 175, Laws of 1959.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The office of school director for school districts embracing a city of over 100,000 population shall be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and elected as such.

Director, city over 100,000, nonpartisan.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Candidates for school director in school districts embracing a city of over 100,000 population shall file

Declaration of candidacy.

their declarations of candidacy as provided in RCW 29.21.060. Not less than ten days before the time of filing such declarations of candidacy, the county auditor shall designate the positions to be filled by consecutive number, commencing with one. The positions so designated for school directors in each district shall be dealt with as separate offices for all election purposes, and where more than one position is to be filled, each candidate shall file for one of the positions so designated: *Provided*, That in first class school districts nominating and electing school directors by director districts, candidates shall file for such director districts.

New section.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Ballots, form.

The positions of school directors for school districts embracing a city of over 100,000 population and the candidates therefor shall appear separately on the nonpartisan ballot in substantially the following form:

SCHOOL DIRECTOR ELECTION BALLOT

To vote for a person make a cross (X) in the square at the right of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote.

School District Directors
.....to be nominated.

No. 1

Vote for One

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No. 2

Vote for One

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To Fill Unexpired Term

No.....

2 (or 4) year term

Vote for One

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SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 29.21 RCW a **New section.**
new section to read as follows:

Nominating primaries for school directors in **Nominating
primaries.**
school districts embracing a city of over 100,000
population shall be held four weeks prior to the date
fixed for election in RCW 29.13.030, and such school
districts shall bear their share of the primary elec-
tion costs as provided in RCW 29.13.045.

SEC. 7. There is added to chapter 29.21 RCW a **New section.**
new section as follows:

The name of the person who receives the greatest **Determining
names for
general elec-
tion ballot.**
number of votes and of the person who receives the
next greatest number of votes at the primary for a
school district position shall appear on the general
election ballot under the designation therefor: *Pro-
vided*, That if any candidate for a position receives
a majority vote, his name alone shall be placed on
the general election ballot for that position.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1959.

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Approved by the Governor March 23, 1959.