

CHAPTER 272.

[ H. B. 606. ]

PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICTS—  
FOURTH CLASS COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to park and recreation districts; and amending section 1, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 1, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.010; amending section 2, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 2, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.020; amending section 3, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 3, chapter 304, Laws of 1959 and RCW 36.69.030; amending section 13, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 5, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.130; amending section 14, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 6, chapter 304, Laws of 1959 and RCW 36.69.140; amending section 20, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 7, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.190; and amending section 33, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 9, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.900.

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

RCW 36.69.010 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 1, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Park and recreation districts. Authorized.

Park and recreation districts are hereby authorized to be formed in Class AA counties and in counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class as municipal corporations for the purpose of providing leisure time activities and facilities, including swimming pools, of a nonprofit nature as a public service to the residents of the geographical areas included within their boundaries.

RCW 36.69.020 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 2, chapter 304, Laws of 1959 and RCW 36.69.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Formation of district by petition—Procedure.

The formation of a park and recreation district in Class AA counties or in counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class shall be initiated by a petition designating the boundaries thereof by metes and bounds, or by describing the land to be included

therein by townships, ranges and legal subdivisions. Such petition shall set forth the object of the district and state that it will be conducive to the public welfare and convenience, and that it will be a benefit to the area therein. Such petition shall be signed by not less than fifteen percent of the registered voters within the area so described. No person signing the petition may withdraw his name therefrom after filing.

The petition shall be filed with the auditor of the county within which the proposed district is located, accompanied by an obligation signed by two or more petitioners, agreeing to pay the cost of the publication of the notice provided for in RCW 36.69.040. The county auditor shall, within thirty days from the date of filing the petition, examine the signatures and certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency thereof; and for that purpose shall have access to all registration books or records in the possession of the registration officers of the election precincts included, in whole or in part, within the proposed district. Such books and records shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the certificate.

If the petition is found to contain a sufficient number of signatures of qualified persons, the auditor shall transmit it, together with his certificate of sufficiency attached thereto, to the county commissioners who shall by resolution entered upon their minutes, receive it and fix a day and hour when they will publicly hear the petition, as provided in RCW 36.69.040.

SEC. 3. Section 3, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 3, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.030 are each amended to read as follows:

A park and recreation district in Class AA counties and in counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class may include any unincorporated area in the state and, when any part of the proposed district

RCW 36.69.030  
amended.

Area which  
may be in-  
cluded—Reso-  
lution of  
governing  
body of city  
or town.

lies within the corporate limits of any city or town, said petition shall be accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution of the governing body of said city or town, approving inclusion of the area within the corporate limits of the city or town.

RCW 36.69.130  
amended.

SEC. 4. Section 13, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 5, chapter 304, Laws of 1959 and RCW 36.69.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Powers of  
district.

Park and recreation districts in Class AA counties and in counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class shall have such powers as are necessary to carry out the purpose for which they are created, including, but not being limited to, the power: (1) To acquire and hold real and personal property; (2) to dispose of real and personal property only by unanimous vote of the district commissioners; (3) to make contracts; (4) to sue and be sued; (5) to borrow money to the extent and in the manner authorized by this chapter; (6) to grant concessions; (7) to make charges for the use of facilities or for participation; (8) to make and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of property, facilities or equipment and the conduct of persons thereon; (9) to contract with any municipal corporation, governmental, or private agencies for the conduct of park and recreation programs; (10) to operate jointly with other governmental units any facilities or property including participation in the acquisition; (11) to hold in trust or manage public property useful to the accomplishment of their objectives; (12) to establish cumulative reserve funds in the manner and for the purposes prescribed by law for cities; and, (13) to make improvements or to acquire property by the local improvement method in the manner prescribed by this chapter: *Provided*, That such improvement or acquisition is within the scope of the purposes granted to such park and recreation district.

SEC. 5. Section 14, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 6, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.140 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 36.69.140 amended.

A park and recreation district in Class AA counties or in counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class shall not have power to levy an annual authorized levy, but it shall have the power to levy a tax upon the property included within the district, in the manner prescribed for cities for the purpose of exceeding the limitations established by Article VII, section 2, as amended by Amendment 17, of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.052. Such special, voted levy may be either for operating funds or for capital outlay, or for a cumulative reserve fund. A park and recreation district may issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, not to exceed an amount, together with any outstanding general obligation indebtedness equal to one and one-half percent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within such district, and may provide for the retirement thereof by levies in excess of millage limitations in accordance with the provisions of RCW 84.52.056.

Special levies authorized—  
Bonds.

SEC. 6. Section 20, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 7, chapter 304, Laws of 1959, and RCW 36.69.190 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 36.69.190 amended.

After a park and recreation district in Class AA counties or in counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class has been organized, an additional area may be added by the same procedure within the proposed additional area as is provided herein for the organization of a park and recreation district, except that no first commissioners shall be nominated by the board of county commissioners or elected, and all electors within both the organized park and recreation district and the proposed additional territory shall vote upon the proposition for enlargement.

Additional area may be added to district.

RCW 36.69.900 amended.

SEC. 7. Section 33, chapter 58, Laws of 1957 as amended by section 9, chapter 304, Laws of 1959 and RCW 36.69.900 are each amended to read as follows:

Short title.

This chapter may be cited as the "Recreation Districts Act for Class AA counties and for counties of the second, fourth, eighth or ninth class."

Passed the House February 27, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 273.

[ H. B. 636. 1 ]

COUNTIES—SALARY FUND IN AA, A AND FIRST CLASS.

AN Act relating to counties and funds thereof; amending section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session as amended by section 1, chapter 94, Laws of 1935, and sections 2 and 3, chapter 14, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session and RCW 36.33.060; repealing section 36, page 314, Laws of 1890 and RCW 36.33.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

RCW 36.33.060 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session as amended by section 1, chapter 94, Laws of 1935, and sections 2 and 3, chapter 14, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 36.33.060) are each amended to read as follows:

Salary fund —Class A, class AA and first class counties.

There is created in Class AA and Class A counties and counties of the first class a fund to be known as the salary fund, which shall be used for paying the salaries and wages of all officials and employees. Said salary fund shall be reimbursed from any county funds budgeted for salaries and wages. The deposits shall be made in the exact amount of the payroll or vouchers paid from the salary fund.

Any surplus in this fund which may accrue from