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1 AN ACT Relating to school district nomenclature; amending RCW
2 28A.300.065, 28A.310.370, 28A.330.100, 28A.330.110, 28A.330.230,
3 28A.335.240, 28A.335.290, 28A.340.020, 28A.343.030, 28A.343.050,
4 28A.343.300, 28A.343.600, 28A.343.610, 28A.343.620, 28A.343.630,
5 28A.343.640, 28A.343.650, 28A.343.660, 28A.343.670, 28A.343.680,
6 28A.505.050, 28A.505.060, 28A.505.170, 28A.505.180, 28A.525.166,
7 29A.04.340, 42.23.030, 53.36.020, and 84.52.020; and reenacting and
8 amending RCW 28A.343.020.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.300.065 and 1999 c 315 s 202 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The superintendent of public instruction is responsible for
13 the classification and numbering system of school districts.

14 (2) Any school district in the state that has a student
15 enrollment in its public schools of two thousand pupils or more, as
16 shown by evidence acceptable to the educational service district
17 superintendent and the superintendent of public instruction, is a
18 class one school district (~~(of the first class)~~). Any other school
19 district is a class two school district (~~(of the second class)~~).

20 (3) Whenever the educational service district superintendent
21 finds that the classification of a school district should be changed,

1 and upon the approval of the superintendent of public instruction,
2 the educational service district superintendent shall make an order
3 in conformity with his or her findings and alter the records of his
4 or her office accordingly. Thereafter, the board of directors of the
5 district shall organize in the manner provided by law for the
6 organization of the board of a district of the class to which the
7 district then belongs.

8 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 43, Laws of
9 1975, the educational service district superintendent, with the
10 concurrence of the superintendent of public instruction, may delay
11 approval of a change in classification of any school district for a
12 period not exceeding three years when, in fact, the student
13 enrollment of the district within any such time period does not
14 exceed ten percent, either in a decrease or increase thereof.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.310.370 and 1983 c 56 s 4 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The superintendent of public instruction shall examine and revise
18 the biennial budget request of each educational service district and
19 shall fix the amount to be requested in state funds for the
20 educational service district system from the legislature. Once funds
21 have been appropriated by the legislature, the superintendent of
22 public instruction shall fix the annual budget of each educational
23 service district and shall allocate quarterly the state's portion
24 from funds appropriated for that purpose to the county treasurer of
25 the headquarters county of the educational service district for
26 deposit to the credit of the educational service district general
27 expense fund.

28 In each educational service district, there shall be an
29 educational service district general expense fund into which there
30 shall be deposited such moneys as are allocated by the superintendent
31 of public instruction under provisions of this chapter and other
32 funds of the educational service district, and such moneys shall be
33 expended according to the method used by (~~first or second class~~)
34 class one or class two school districts, whichever is deemed most
35 feasible by the educational service district board. No vouchers for
36 warrants other than moneys being distributed to the school districts
37 shall be approved for expenditures not budgeted by the educational
38 service district board.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.330.100 and 2006 c 263 s 417 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Every board of directors of a class one school district (~~of the~~
4 ~~first class~~)), in addition to the general powers for directors
5 enumerated in this title, shall have the power:

6 (1) To employ for a term of not exceeding three years a
7 superintendent of schools of the district, and for cause to dismiss
8 him or her, and to fix his or her duties and compensation;

9 (2) To employ, and for cause dismiss one or more assistant
10 superintendents and to define their duties and fix their
11 compensation;

12 (3) To employ a business manager, attorneys, architects,
13 inspectors of construction, superintendents of buildings and a
14 superintendent of supplies, all of whom shall serve at the board's
15 pleasure, and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation;

16 (4) To employ, and for cause dismiss, supervisors of instruction
17 and to define their duties and fix their compensation;

18 (5) To prescribe a course of study and a program of exercises
19 which shall be consistent with the course of study prepared by the
20 superintendent of public instruction for the use of the common
21 schools of this state;

22 (6) To, in addition to the minimum requirements imposed by this
23 title establish and maintain such grades and departments, including
24 night, high, kindergarten, vocational training and, except as
25 otherwise provided by law, industrial schools, and schools and
26 departments for the education and training of any class or classes of
27 youth with disabilities, as in the judgment of the board, best shall
28 promote the interests of education in the district;

29 (7) To determine the length of time over and above one hundred
30 eighty days that school shall be maintained: PROVIDED, That for
31 purposes of apportionment no district shall be credited with more
32 than one hundred and eighty-three days' attendance in any school
33 year; and to fix the time for annual opening and closing of schools
34 and for the daily dismissal of pupils before the regular time for
35 closing schools;

36 (8) To maintain a shop and repair department, and to employ, and
37 for cause dismiss, a foreman and the necessary help for the
38 maintenance and conduct thereof;

39 (9) To provide free textbooks and supplies for all children
40 attending school;

1 (10) To require of the officers or employees of the district to
2 give a bond for the honest performance of their duties in such penal
3 sum as may be fixed by the board with good and sufficient surety, and
4 to cause the premium for all bonds required of all such officers or
5 employees to be paid by the district: PROVIDED, That the board may,
6 by written policy, allow that such bonds may include a deductible
7 proviso not to exceed two percent of the officer's or employee's
8 annual salary;

9 (11) To prohibit all secret fraternities and sororities among the
10 students in any of the schools of the said districts; and

11 (12) To appoint a practicing physician, resident of the school
12 district, who shall be known as the school district medical
13 inspector, and whose duty it shall be to decide for the board of
14 directors all questions of sanitation and health affecting the safety
15 and welfare of the public schools of the district who shall serve at
16 the board's pleasure: PROVIDED, That children shall not be required
17 to submit to vaccination against the will of their parents or
18 guardian.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.330.110 and 1983 c 59 s 16 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Class one school districts (~~(of the first class)~~), when in the
22 judgment of the board of directors it be deemed expedient, shall have
23 power to create and maintain an insurance reserve for said districts,
24 to be used to meet losses specified by the board of directors of the
25 school districts.

26 Funds required for maintenance of such an insurance reserve shall
27 be budgeted and allowed as are other moneys required for the support
28 of the school district.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28A.330.230 and 2012 c 209 s 2 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (~~(Second class)~~) Class two school districts, subject to the
32 approval of the superintendent of public instruction, may draw and
33 issue warrants for the payment of moneys upon approval of a majority
34 of the board of directors, such warrants to be signed by the chair of
35 the board and countersigned by the secretary: PROVIDED, That when, in
36 the judgment of the board of directors, the orders for warrants
37 issued by the district monthly shall have reached such numbers that
38 the signing of each warrant by the chair of the board personally

1 imposes too great a task on the chair, the board of directors, after
2 auditing all payrolls and bills, may authorize the issuing of one
3 general certificate to the county treasurer, to be signed by the
4 chair of the board, authorizing said treasurer to pay all the
5 warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and the funds on
6 which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the secretary of said
7 board shall be authorized to draw and sign said orders for warrants.
8 Orders for warrants and warrant registers may be sent in an
9 electronic format and using facsimile signatures as provided under
10 chapter 39.62 RCW.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.335.240 and 2004 c 6 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The board of directors of a (~~second-class~~) class two school
14 district shall build schoolhouses and teachers' cottages when
15 directed by a vote of the district to do so and may purchase real
16 property for any school district purpose.

17 (2) The board of directors of a (~~second-class~~) class two
18 nonhigh school district that is totally surrounded by water and
19 serves fewer than forty students also may authorize the construction
20 of teachers' cottages without a vote of the district using funds from
21 the district's capital projects fund or general fund. Rental and
22 other income from the cottages, including sale of the cottages, may
23 be deposited, in whole or in part, into the school district's general
24 fund, debt service fund, or capital projects fund as determined by
25 the board of directors.

26 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28A.335.290 and 1984 c 40 s 10 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any (~~second-class~~)
29 class two school district with an enrollment of three hundred
30 students or less may provide housing for the superintendent of the
31 school district, or any person acting in the capacity of
32 superintendent, by such means and with such moneys as the school
33 district shall determine: PROVIDED, That any (~~second-class~~) class
34 two school district presently providing such housing may continue to
35 provide the same: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if such housing is exempt
36 from real property taxation by virtue of school district ownership,
37 the school district shall charge for such housing, rent at least

1 equal to the amount of real property tax for which such housing would
2 be liable were it not so owned.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.340.020 and 1990 c 33 s 367 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 School districts eligible for funding as a small high school
6 district pursuant to the state operating appropriations act shall be
7 eligible to participate in a cooperative project: PROVIDED, That the
8 superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules permitting
9 (~~second-class~~) class two school districts that are not eligible for
10 funding as a small high school district in the state operating
11 appropriations act to participate in a cooperative project.

12 Two or more school districts may participate in a cooperative
13 project pursuant to RCW 28A.340.020 through 28A.340.070.

14 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.343.020 and 1991 c 363 s 22 and 1991 c 288 s 3
15 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16 Whenever an election shall be held for the purpose of securing
17 the approval of the voters for the formation of a new school district
18 other than a class one school district (~~of the first class~~) having
19 within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred
20 thousand people or more, if requested by one of the boards of
21 directors of the school districts affected, there shall also be
22 submitted to the voters at the same election a proposition to
23 authorize the board of directors to divide the school district, if
24 formed, into five directors' districts in (~~first-class~~) class one
25 school districts and a choice of five directors' districts or no
26 fewer than three directors' districts with the balance of the
27 directors to be elected at large in (~~second-class~~) class two school
28 districts. Such director districts in (~~second-class~~) class two
29 districts, if approved, shall not become effective until the regular
30 school election following the next regular school election at which
31 time a new board of directors shall be elected as provided in RCW
32 (~~28A.315.550~~) 28A.343.680. Such director districts in (~~first-~~
33 ~~class~~) class one districts, if approved, shall not become effective
34 until the next regular school election at which time a new board of
35 directors shall be elected as provided in RCW (~~28A.315.600,~~
36 ~~28A.315.610, and 28A.315.620~~) 28A.343.620, 28A.343.630, and
37 28A.343.640. Each of the five directors shall be elected from among
38 the residents of the respective director district, or from among the

1 residents of the entire school district in the case of directors at
2 large, by the electors of the entire school district.

3 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28A.343.030 and 2015 c 53 s 10 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The board of directors of every (~~(first-class))~~ class one school
6 district other than a class one school district (~~(of the first~~
7 ~~class))~~ having within its boundaries a city with a population of four
8 hundred thousand people or more which is not divided into directors'
9 districts may submit to the voters at any regular school district
10 election a proposition to authorize the board of directors to divide
11 the district into directors' districts or for (~~(second-class))~~ class
12 two school districts into director districts or a combination of no
13 fewer than three director districts and no more than two at large
14 positions. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is
15 affirmative, the board of directors shall proceed to divide the
16 district into directors' districts following the procedure
17 established in RCW 29A.76.010. Such director districts, if approved,
18 shall not become effective until the next regular school election
19 when a new five member board of directors shall be elected, one from
20 each of the director districts from among the residents of the
21 respective director district, or from among the residents of the
22 entire school district in the case of directors at large, by the
23 electors of the entire district, two for a term of two years and
24 three for a term of four years, unless such district elects its
25 directors for six years, in which case, one for a term of two years,
26 two for a term of four years, and two for a term of six years.

27 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28A.343.050 and 2008 c 9 s 1 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 Upon receipt by the educational service district superintendent
30 of a resolution adopted by the board of directors or a written
31 petition from a (~~(first-class))~~ class one or (~~(second-class))~~ class
32 two school district signed by at least twenty percent of the
33 registered voters of a school district previously divided into
34 directors' districts, which resolution or petition shall request
35 dissolution of the existing directors' districts and reapportionment
36 of the district into no fewer than three directors' districts and
37 with no more than two directors at large, the superintendent, after
38 formation of the question to be submitted to the voters, shall give

1 notice thereof to the county auditor who shall call and hold a
2 special election of the voters of the entire school district to
3 approve or reject such proposal, such election to be called,
4 conducted and the returns canvassed as in regular school district
5 elections.

6 If approval of a majority of those registered voters voting in
7 said election is acquired, at the expiration of terms of the
8 incumbent directors of such school district their successors shall be
9 elected in the manner approved.

10 **Sec. 12.** RCW 28A.343.300 and 2009 c 107 s 1 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The governing board of a school district shall be known as the
13 board of directors of the district.

14 Unless otherwise specifically provided, as in RCW 29A.04.340,
15 each member of a board of directors shall be elected by ballot by the
16 registered voters of the school district and shall hold office for a
17 term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified.
18 Terms of school directors shall be staggered, and insofar as
19 possible, not more than a majority of one shall be elected to full
20 terms at any regular election. In case a member or members of a board
21 of directors are to be elected to fill an unexpired term or terms,
22 the ballot shall specify the term for which each such member is to be
23 elected.

24 Except for a class one school district (~~(of the first class)~~)
25 having within its boundaries a city with a population of four hundred
26 thousand people or more which shall have a board of directors of
27 seven members, the board of directors of every class one school
28 district (~~(of the first class)~~) or class two school district (~~(of the~~
29 ~~second class)~~) shall consist of five members.

30 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28A.343.600 and 2009 c 107 s 2 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 Any (~~(first class)~~) class one school district having a board of
33 directors of five members as provided in RCW 28A.343.300 and which
34 elects directors for a term of six years under the provisions of RCW
35 29A.04.340 shall cause the office of at least one director and no
36 more than two directors to be up for election at each regular school
37 district election held hereafter and, except as provided in RCW
38 28A.343.670, any (~~(first class)~~) class one school district having a

1 board of directors of seven members as provided in RCW 28A.343.300
2 shall cause the office of two directors and no more than three
3 directors to be up for election at each regular school district
4 election held hereafter.

5 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28A.343.610 and 1991 c 363 s 21 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 After July 1, 1979, the election of directors of any (~~first-~~
8 ~~class~~) class one school district having within its boundaries a city
9 with a population of four hundred thousand people or more, shall be
10 to four-year terms. The initial four-year terms required by this
11 section shall commence upon the expiration of terms in existence at
12 July 1, 1979. Nothing in chapter 183, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. shall
13 affect the term of office of any incumbent director of any such
14 (~~first-class~~) class one school district.

15 **Sec. 15.** RCW 28A.343.620 and 1991 c 363 s 24 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Upon the establishment of a new class one school district (~~of~~
18 ~~the first class~~) as provided for in RCW (~~(28A.315.580)~~) 28A.343.020
19 containing no former (~~first-class~~) class one district, the
20 directors of the old school districts who reside within the limits of
21 the new district shall meet at the call of the educational service
22 district superintendent and shall constitute the board of directors
23 of the new district. If fewer than five such directors reside in such
24 new district, they shall become directors of said district and the
25 educational service district board shall appoint the number of
26 additional directors to constitute a board of five directors for the
27 district. Vacancies, once such a board has been reconstituted, shall
28 not be filled unless the number of remaining board members is less
29 than five, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise
30 provided by law.

31 Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to
32 organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have
33 all the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of
34 directors of (~~first-class~~) class one school districts until the
35 next regular school election in the district at which election their
36 successors shall be elected and qualified. At such election no more
37 than five directors shall be elected either at large or by director
38 districts, as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three

1 for a term of four years: PROVIDED, That if such (~~(first-class)~~)
2 class one district is in a county with a population of two hundred
3 ten thousand or more and contains a city of the first class, two
4 directors shall be elected for a term of three years and three
5 directors shall be elected for a term of six years.

6 **Sec. 16.** RCW 28A.343.630 and 1991 c 363 s 25 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Upon the establishment of a new class one school district (~~(of~~
9 ~~the first-class)~~) as provided for in RCW (~~(28A.315.580)~~) 28A.343.020
10 containing only one former (~~(first-class)~~) class one district, the
11 directors of the former (~~(first-class)~~) class one district and two
12 directors representative of former (~~(second-class)~~) class two
13 districts selected by a majority of the board members of former
14 (~~(second-class)~~) class two districts shall meet at the call of the
15 educational service district superintendent and shall constitute the
16 board of directors of the new district. Vacancies, once such a board
17 has been reconstituted, shall not be filled unless the number of
18 remaining board members is less than five, and such vacancies shall
19 be filled in the manner otherwise provided by law.

20 Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to
21 organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have
22 all the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of
23 directors of (~~(first-class)~~) class one school districts until the
24 next regular school election in the district at which election their
25 successors shall be elected and qualified. At such election no more
26 than five directors shall be elected either at large or by director
27 districts, as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three
28 for a term of four years: PROVIDED, That if such (~~(first-class)~~)
29 class one district is in a county with a population of two hundred
30 ten thousand or more and contains a city of the first class, two
31 directors shall be elected for a term of three years and three
32 directors shall be elected for a term of six years.

33 **Sec. 17.** RCW 28A.343.640 and 2009 c 107 s 3 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 Upon the establishment of a new class one school district (~~(of~~
36 ~~the first-class)~~) as provided for in RCW 28A.343.020 containing more
37 than one former (~~(first-class)~~) class one district, the directors of
38 the largest former (~~(first-class)~~) class one district and three

1 directors representative of the other former (~~first-class~~) class
2 one districts selected by a majority of the board members of the
3 former (~~first-class~~) class one districts and two directors
4 representative of former (~~second-class~~) class two districts
5 selected by a majority of the board members of former (~~second-~~
6 ~~class~~) class two districts shall meet at the call of the educational
7 service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of
8 directors of the new district. Vacancies once such a board has been
9 reconstituted shall not be filled unless the number of remaining
10 board members is less than seven, and such vacancies shall be filled
11 in the manner otherwise provided by law.

12 Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to
13 organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have
14 all of the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of
15 (~~first-class~~) class one districts until the next regular school
16 election and until their successors are elected and qualified. At
17 such election other than districts electing directors for six-year
18 terms as provided in RCW 29A.04.340, five directors shall be elected
19 either at large or by director districts, as the case may be, two for
20 a term of two years and three for a term of four years. At such
21 election for districts electing directors for six years other than a
22 district having within its boundaries a city with a population of
23 four hundred thousand people or more and electing directors for six
24 year terms, five directors shall be elected either at large or by
25 director districts, as the case may be, one for a term of two years,
26 two for a term of four years, and two for a term of six years.

27 **Sec. 18.** RCW 28A.343.650 and 1991 c 363 s 27 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 Upon the establishment of a new class one school district (~~of~~
30 ~~the first-class~~) having within its boundaries a city with a
31 population of four hundred thousand people or more, the directors of
32 the largest former (~~first-class~~) class one district and three
33 directors representative of the other former (~~first-class~~) class
34 one districts selected by a majority of the board members of the
35 former (~~first-class~~) class one districts and two directors
36 representative of former (~~second-class~~) class two districts
37 selected by a majority of the board members of former (~~second-~~
38 ~~class~~) class two districts shall meet at the call of the educational
39 service district superintendent and shall constitute the board of

1 directors of the new district. Each board of directors so constituted
2 shall proceed at once to organize in the manner prescribed by law and
3 thereafter shall have all the powers and duties conferred by law upon
4 boards of (~~first-class~~) class one districts, until the next regular
5 school election and until their successors are elected and qualified.
6 Such duties shall include establishment of new director districts as
7 provided for in RCW (~~28A.315.670~~) 28A.343.660. At the next regular
8 school election seven directors shall be elected by director
9 districts, two for a term of two years, two for a term of four years
10 and three for a term of six years. Thereafter their terms shall be as
11 provided in RCW (~~28A.315.460~~) 28A.343.610.

12 Vacancies once such a board has been reconstituted shall not be
13 filled unless the number of remaining board members is less than
14 seven, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner otherwise
15 provided by law.

16 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28A.343.660 and 2015 c 53 s 14 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any class one school
19 district (~~of the first-class~~) having within its boundaries a city
20 with a population of four hundred thousand people or more shall be
21 divided into seven director districts. The boundaries of such
22 director districts shall be established by the members of the school
23 board, such boundaries to be established so that each such district
24 shall comply, as nearly as practicable, with the criteria established
25 in RCW 29A.76.010. Boundaries of such director districts shall be
26 adjusted by the school board following the procedure established in
27 RCW 29A.76.010 after each federal decennial census if population
28 change shows the need thereof to comply with the criteria of RCW
29 29A.76.010. No person shall be eligible for the position of school
30 director in any such director district unless such person resides in
31 the particular director district. Residents in the particular
32 director district desiring to be a candidate for school director
33 shall file their declarations of candidacy for such director district
34 and for the position of director in that district and shall be voted
35 upon, in any primary required to be held for the position under Title
36 29A RCW, by the registered voters of that particular director
37 district. In the general election, each position shall be voted upon
38 by all the registered voters in the school district. The order of the
39 names of candidates shall appear on the primary and general election

1 ballots as required for nonpartisan positions under Title 29A RCW.
2 Except as provided in RCW 28A.343.670, every such director so elected
3 in school districts divided into seven director districts shall serve
4 for a term of four years as otherwise provided in RCW 28A.343.610.

5 **Sec. 20.** RCW 28A.343.670 and 2015 c 53 s 15 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The school boards of any class one school district (~~(of the first~~
8 ~~class))~~ having within its boundaries a city with a population of four
9 hundred thousand people or more shall establish the director district
10 boundaries. Appointment of a board member to fill any vacancy
11 existing for a new director district prior to the next regular school
12 election shall be by the school board. Prior to the next regular
13 election in the school district and the filing of declarations of
14 candidacy therefor, the incumbent school board shall designate said
15 director districts by number. Directors appointed to fill vacancies
16 as above provided shall be subject to election, one for a six-year
17 term, and one for a two-year term and thereafter the term of their
18 respective successors shall be for four years. The term of office of
19 incumbent members of the board of such district shall not be affected
20 by RCW 28A.343.300, 28A.343.600, 28A.343.610, 28A.343.660, and
21 (~~(28A.343.670)~~) this section.

22 **Sec. 21.** RCW 28A.343.680 and 1990 c 33 s 316 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Upon the establishment of a new class two school district (~~(of~~
25 ~~the second class))~~, the directors of the old school districts who
26 reside within the limits of the new district shall meet at the call
27 of the educational service district superintendent and shall
28 constitute the board of directors of the new district. If fewer than
29 five such directors reside in any such new (~~(second class))~~ class two
30 school district, they shall become directors of said district, and
31 the educational service district board shall appoint the number of
32 additional directors required to constitute a board of five directors
33 for the new (~~(second class))~~ class two district. Vacancies once such
34 a board has been reconstituted shall not be filled unless the number
35 of remaining board members is less than five in a (~~(second class))~~
36 class two district, and such vacancies shall be filled in the manner
37 otherwise provided by law.

1 Each board of directors so constituted shall proceed at once to
2 organize in the manner prescribed by law and thereafter shall have
3 all the powers and authority conferred by law upon boards of
4 directors of other districts of the same class. Each initial director
5 shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and
6 qualified: PROVIDED, That the election of the successor shall be held
7 during the second district general election after the initial
8 directors have assumed office. At such election, no more than five
9 directors shall be elected either at large or by director districts,
10 as the case may be, two for a term of two years and three for a term
11 of four years. Directors thereafter elected and qualified shall serve
12 such terms as provided for in RCW ((28A.315.450)) 28A.343.300.

13 **Sec. 22.** RCW 28A.505.050 and 1995 c 121 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Upon completion of their budgets as provided in RCW 28A.505.040,
16 every school district shall publish a notice stating that the board
17 of directors will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the
18 budget of the district for the ensuing fiscal year. Such notice shall
19 designate the date, time, and place of said meeting which shall occur
20 no later than the thirty-first day of August for ((~~first-class~~))
21 class one school districts, and the first day of August for ((~~second-~~
22 ~~class~~)) class two school districts. The notice shall also state that
23 any person may appear thereat and be heard for or against any part of
24 such budget. Said notice shall be published at least once each week
25 for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in
26 the district, or, if there be none, in a newspaper of general
27 circulation in the county or counties in which such district is a
28 part. The last notice shall be published no later than seven days
29 immediately prior to the hearing.

30 **Sec. 23.** RCW 28A.505.060 and 1990 c 33 s 418 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 On the date given in said notice as provided in RCW 28A.505.050
33 the school district board of directors shall meet at the time and
34 place designated. Any person may appear thereat and be heard for or
35 against any part of such budget. Such hearing may be continued not to
36 exceed a total of two days: PROVIDED, That the budget must be adopted
37 no later than August 31st in ((~~first-class~~)) class one school

1 districts, and not later than August 1st in (~~(second-class))~~ class
2 two school districts.

3 Upon conclusion of the hearing, the board of directors shall fix
4 and determine the appropriation from each fund contained in the
5 budget separately, and shall by resolution adopt the budget and the
6 appropriations as so finally determined, and enter the same in the
7 official minutes of the board: PROVIDED, That (~~(first-class))~~ class
8 one school districts shall file copies of their adopted budget with
9 their educational service district no later than September 3rd, and
10 (~~(second-class))~~ class two school districts shall forward copies of
11 their adopted budget to their educational service district no later
12 than August 3rd for review, alteration and approval as provided for
13 in RCW 28A.505.070 by the budget review committee.

14 **Sec. 24.** RCW 28A.505.170 and 1990 c 33 s 424 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, upon the
17 happening of any emergency in (~~(first-class))~~ class one school
18 districts caused by fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake,
19 epidemic, riot, insurrection, or for the restoration to a condition
20 of usefulness of any school district property, the usefulness of
21 which has been destroyed by accident, and no provision has been made
22 for such expenditures in the adopted appropriation, the board of
23 directors, upon the adoption by the vote of the majority of all board
24 members of a resolution stating the facts constituting the emergency,
25 may make an appropriation therefor without notice or hearing.

26 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if in
27 (~~(first-class))~~ class one districts it becomes necessary to increase
28 the amount of the appropriation, and if the reason is not one of the
29 emergencies specifically enumerated in subsection (1) of this
30 section, the school district board of directors, before incurring
31 expenditures in excess of the appropriation, shall adopt a resolution
32 stating the facts and the estimated amount of appropriation to meet
33 it.

34 Such resolution shall be voted on at a public meeting, notice to
35 be given in the manner provided in RCW 28A.505.050. Its introduction
36 and passage shall require the vote of a majority of all members of
37 the school district board of directors.

1 Any person may appear at the meeting at which the appropriation
2 resolution is to be voted on and be heard for or against the adoption
3 thereof.

4 Copies of all adopted appropriation resolutions shall be filed
5 with the educational service district who shall forward one copy each
6 to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. One copy
7 shall be retained by the educational service district.

8 **Sec. 25.** RCW 28A.505.180 and 1990 c 33 s 425 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a
11 (~~second-class~~) class two school district needs to increase the
12 amount of the appropriation from any fund for any reason, the school
13 district board of directors, before incurring expenditures in excess
14 of appropriation, shall adopt a resolution stating the facts and
15 estimating the amount of additional appropriation needed.

16 Such resolution shall be voted on at a public meeting, notice to
17 be given in the manner provided by RCW 28A.505.050. Its introduction
18 and passage shall require the vote of a majority of all members of
19 the school district board of directors.

20 Any person may appear at the meeting at which the appropriation
21 resolution is to be voted on and be heard for or against the adoption
22 thereof.

23 Upon passage of the appropriation resolution the school district
24 shall petition the superintendent of public instruction for approval
25 to increase the amount of its appropriations in the manner prescribed
26 in rules and regulations for such approval by the superintendent.

27 Copies of all appropriation resolutions approved by the
28 superintendent of public instruction shall be filed by the office of
29 the superintendent of public instruction with the educational service
30 district.

31 **Sec. 26.** RCW 28A.525.166 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 3 s 7018 are each
32 amended to read as follows:

33 Allocations to school districts of state funds provided by RCW
34 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180 shall be made by the superintendent
35 of public instruction and the amount of state funding assistance to a
36 school district in financing a school plant project shall be
37 determined in the following manner:

1 (1) The boards of directors of the districts shall determine the
 2 total cost of the proposed project, which cost may include the cost
 3 of acquiring and preparing the site, the cost of constructing the
 4 building or of acquiring a building and preparing the same for school
 5 use, the cost of necessary equipment, taxes chargeable to the
 6 project, necessary architects' fees, and a reasonable amount for
 7 contingencies and for other necessary incidental expenses: PROVIDED,
 8 That the total cost of the project shall be subject to review and
 9 approval by the superintendent.

10 (2) The state funding assistance percentage for a school district
 11 shall be computed by the following formula:

12 The ratio of the school district's adjusted valuation per pupil
 13 divided by the ratio of the total state adjusted valuation per pupil
 14 shall be subtracted from three, and then the result of the foregoing
 15 shall be divided by three plus (the ratio of the school district's
 16 adjusted valuation per pupil divided by the ratio of the total state
 17 adjusted valuation per pupil).

$$\begin{array}{rcccl}
 & & \text{District adjusted} & \text{Total state} & \\
 & & \text{3-valuation} & \div \text{adjusted valuation} & \\
 \text{Computed} & \text{per pupil} & & \text{per pupil} & \text{State} \\
 \text{State} = & \frac{\text{District adjusted}}{\text{Total state}} & & & = - \% \text{ Funding} \\
 \text{Ratio} & \text{District adjusted} & \text{Total state} & & \text{Assistance} \\
 & \text{3+valuation} & \div \text{adjusted valuation} & & \\
 & \text{per pupil} & \text{per pupil} & &
 \end{array}$$

25 PROVIDED, That in the event the state funding assistance percentage
 26 to any school district based on the above formula is less than twenty
 27 percent and such school district is otherwise eligible for state
 28 funding assistance under RCW 28A.525.162 through 28A.525.180, the
 29 superintendent may establish for such district a state funding
 30 assistance percentage not in excess of twenty percent of the approved
 31 cost of the project, if the superintendent finds that such additional
 32 assistance is necessary to provide minimum facilities for housing the
 33 pupils of the district.

34 (3) In addition to the computed state funding assistance
 35 percentage developed in subsection (2) of this section, a school
 36 district shall be entitled to additional percentage points determined
 37 by the average percentage of growth for the past three years. One
 38 percent shall be added to the computed state funding assistance

1 percentage for each percent of growth, with a maximum of twenty
2 percent.

3 (4) In computing the state funding assistance percentage in
4 subsection (2) of this section and adjusting the percentage under
5 subsection (3) of this section, students residing outside the school
6 district who are enrolled in alternative learning experience courses
7 under RCW 28A.232.010 shall be excluded from the count of total
8 pupils. In lieu of the exclusion in this subsection, a district may
9 submit an alternative calculation for excluding students enrolled in
10 alternative learning experience courses. The alternative calculation
11 must show the student headcount use of district classroom facilities
12 on a regular basis for a reasonable duration by out-of-district
13 alternative learning experience students subtracted by the headcount
14 of in-district alternative learning experience students not using
15 district classroom facilities on a regular basis for a reasonable
16 duration. The alternative calculation must be submitted in a form
17 approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction.
18 The office of the superintendent of public instruction must develop
19 rules to define "regular basis" and "reasonable duration."

20 (5) The approved cost of the project determined in the manner
21 prescribed in this section multiplied by the state funding assistance
22 percentage derived as provided for in this section shall be the
23 amount of state funding assistance to the district for the financing
24 of the project: PROVIDED, That need therefor has been established to
25 the satisfaction of the superintendent: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That
26 additional state funding assistance may be allowed if it is found by
27 the superintendent, considering policy recommendations from the
28 school facilities citizen advisory panel that such assistance is
29 necessary in order to meet (a) a school housing emergency resulting
30 from the destruction of a school building by fire, the condemnation
31 of a school building by properly constituted authorities, a sudden
32 excessive and clearly foreseeable future increase in school
33 population, or other conditions similarly emergent in nature; or (b)
34 a special school housing burden resulting from projects of statewide
35 significance or imposed by virtue of the admission of nonresident
36 students into educational programs established, maintained and
37 operated in conformity with the requirements of law; or (c) a
38 deficiency in the capital funds of the district resulting from
39 financing, subsequent to April 1, 1969, and without benefit of the
40 state funding assistance provided by prior state assistance programs,

1 the construction of a needed school building project or projects
2 approved in conformity with the requirements of such programs, after
3 having first applied for and been denied state funding assistance
4 because of the inadequacy of state funds available for the purpose,
5 or (d) a condition created by the fact that an excessive number of
6 students live in state owned housing, or (e) a need for the
7 construction of a school building to provide for improved school
8 district organization or racial balance, or (f) conditions similar to
9 those defined under (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this subsection,
10 creating a like emergency.

11 (6) For the 2015-2017 biennium, schools determined to have a lack
12 of sufficient space to provide science classrooms or labs, to meet
13 the requirements of law, have a special housing burden condition
14 similar to those defined under subsection (5)(b) of this section,
15 creating a like emergency. For the 2015-2017 biennium, school
16 districts are entitled to additional percentage points for school
17 construction projects that have a special housing burden condition
18 only and have received private donations in the form of cash, in-
19 kind, or equipment of more than one hundred thousand dollars. The
20 additional percentage points are determined by (a) school district
21 student enrollments in the free and reduced-price meals program, (b)
22 school district class as defined by RCW 28A.300.065, and (c) the
23 funding assistance percentage as calculated in subsection (2) of this
24 section. The additional percentage points under (a) of this
25 subsection are twenty percent of the percent of student enrollments
26 eligible and enrolled in the free and reduced-price meals program.
27 The additional percentage points under (b) of this subsection are ten
28 for (~~second~~) class two school districts. The additional percentage
29 points under (c) of this subsection are ten for school districts with
30 funding assistance percentages of more than fifty percent.

31 **Sec. 27.** RCW 29A.04.340 and 2009 c 107 s 4 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) In each county with a population of two hundred ten thousand
34 or more, (~~first-class~~) class one school districts containing a city
35 of the first-class shall hold their elections biennially as provided
36 in RCW 29A.04.330.

37 (2) Except as provided in RCW 28A.343.610, the directors to be
38 elected may be elected for terms of six years and until their

1 successors are elected, qualified, and assume office in accordance
2 with RCW ((29A.20.040)) 29A.60.280.

3 (3) If the board of directors of a school district pursuant to
4 subsection (1) of this section reduces the length of the term of
5 office for school directors in the district from six to four years,
6 the reduction in the length of term must not affect the term of
7 office of any incumbent director without his or her consent, and a
8 provision must be made to appropriately stagger future elections of
9 school directors.

10 **Sec. 28.** RCW 42.23.030 and 2007 c 298 s 1 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 No municipal officer shall be beneficially interested, directly
13 or indirectly, in any contract which may be made by, through or under
14 the supervision of such officer, in whole or in part, or which may be
15 made for the benefit of his or her office, or accept, directly or
16 indirectly, any compensation, gratuity or reward in connection with
17 such contract from any other person beneficially interested therein.
18 This section shall not apply in the following cases:

19 (1) The furnishing of electrical, water or other utility services
20 by a municipality engaged in the business of furnishing such
21 services, at the same rates and on the same terms as are available to
22 the public generally;

23 (2) The designation of public depositaries for municipal funds;

24 (3) The publication of legal notices required by law to be
25 published by any municipality, upon competitive bidding or at rates
26 not higher than prescribed by law for members of the general public;

27 (4) The designation of a school director as clerk or as both
28 clerk and purchasing agent of a school district;

29 (5) The employment of any person by a municipality for unskilled
30 day labor at wages not exceeding two hundred dollars in any calendar
31 month. The exception provided in this subsection does not apply to a
32 county with a population of one hundred twenty-five thousand or more,
33 a city with a population of more than one thousand five hundred, an
34 irrigation district encompassing more than fifty thousand acres, or a
35 ((~~first-class~~)) class one school district;

36 (6)(a) The letting of any other contract in which the total
37 amount received under the contract or contracts by the municipal
38 officer or the municipal officer's business does not exceed one
39 thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar month.

1 (b) However, in the case of a particular officer of a second-
2 class city or town, or a noncharter optional code city, or a member
3 of any county fair board in a county which has not established a
4 county purchasing department pursuant to RCW 36.32.240, the total
5 amount of such contract or contracts authorized in this subsection
6 (6) may exceed one thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar
7 month but shall not exceed eighteen thousand dollars in any calendar
8 year.

9 (c)(i) In the case of a particular officer of a rural public
10 hospital district, as defined in RCW 70.44.460, the total amount of
11 such contract or contracts authorized in this subsection (6) may
12 exceed one thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar month, but
13 shall not exceed twenty-four thousand dollars in any calendar year.

14 (ii) At the beginning of each calendar year, beginning with the
15 2006 calendar year, the legislative authority of the rural public
16 hospital district shall increase the calendar year limitation
17 described in this subsection (6)(c) by an amount equal to the dollar
18 amount for the previous calendar year multiplied by the change in the
19 consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month period
20 ending December 31st of that previous calendar year. If the new
21 dollar amount established under this subsection is not a multiple of
22 ten dollars, the increase shall be rounded to the next lowest
23 multiple of ten dollars. As used in this subsection, "consumer price
24 index" means the consumer price index compiled by the bureau of labor
25 statistics, United States department of labor for the state of
26 Washington. If the bureau of labor statistics develops more than one
27 consumer price index for areas within the state, the index covering
28 the greatest number of people, covering areas exclusively within the
29 boundaries of the state, and including all items shall be used.

30 (d) The exceptions provided in this subsection (6) do not apply
31 to:

32 (i) A sale or lease by the municipality as the seller or lessor;
33 (ii) The letting of any contract by a county with a population of
34 one hundred twenty-five thousand or more, a city with a population of
35 ten thousand or more, or an irrigation district encompassing more
36 than fifty thousand acres; or

37 (iii) Contracts for legal services, except for reimbursement of
38 expenditures.

1 (e) The municipality shall maintain a list of all contracts that
2 are awarded under this subsection (6). The list must be made
3 available for public inspection and copying;

4 (7) The leasing by a port district as lessor of port district
5 property to a municipal officer or to a contracting party in which a
6 municipal officer may be beneficially interested, if in addition to
7 all other legal requirements, a board of three disinterested
8 appraisers and the superior court in the county where the property is
9 situated finds that all terms and conditions of such lease are fair
10 to the port district and are in the public interest. The appraisers
11 must be appointed from members of the American Institute of Real
12 Estate Appraisers by the presiding judge of the superior court;

13 (8) The letting of any employment contract for the driving of a
14 school bus in a (~~second-class~~) class two school district if the
15 terms of such contract are commensurate with the pay plan or
16 collective bargaining agreement operating in the district;

17 (9) The letting of an employment contract as a substitute teacher
18 or substitute educational aide to an officer of a (~~second-class~~)
19 class two school district that has two hundred or fewer full-time
20 equivalent students, if the terms of the contract are commensurate
21 with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement operating in the
22 district and the board of directors has found, consistent with the
23 written policy under RCW 28A.330.240, that there is a shortage of
24 substitute teachers in the school district;

25 (10) The letting of any employment contract to the spouse of an
26 officer of a school district, when such contract is solely for
27 employment as a substitute teacher for the school district. This
28 exception applies only if the terms of the contract are commensurate
29 with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement applicable to
30 all district employees and the board of directors has found,
31 consistent with the written policy under RCW 28A.330.240, that there
32 is a shortage of substitute teachers in the school district;

33 (11) The letting of any employment contract to the spouse of an
34 officer of a school district if the spouse was under contract as a
35 certificated or classified employee with the school district before
36 the date in which the officer assumes office and the terms of the
37 contract are commensurate with the pay plan or collective bargaining
38 agreement operating in the district. However, in a (~~second-class~~)
39 class two school district that has less than two hundred full-time
40 equivalent students enrolled at the start of the school year as

1 defined in RCW 28A.150.040, the spouse is not required to be under
2 contract as a certificated or classified employee before the date on
3 which the officer assumes office;

4 (12) The authorization, approval, or ratification of any
5 employment contract with the spouse of a public hospital district
6 commissioner if: (a) The spouse was employed by the public hospital
7 district before the date the commissioner was initially elected; (b)
8 the terms of the contract are commensurate with the pay plan or
9 collective bargaining agreement operating in the district for similar
10 employees; (c) the interest of the commissioner is disclosed to the
11 board of commissioners and noted in the official minutes or similar
12 records of the public hospital district prior to the letting or
13 continuation of the contract; and (d) and the commissioner does not
14 vote on the authorization, approval, or ratification of the contract
15 or any conditions in the contract.

16 A municipal officer may not vote in the authorization, approval,
17 or ratification of a contract in which he or she is beneficially
18 interested even though one of the exemptions allowing the awarding of
19 such a contract applies. The interest of the municipal officer must
20 be disclosed to the governing body of the municipality and noted in
21 the official minutes or similar records of the municipality before
22 the formation of the contract.

23 **Sec. 29.** RCW 53.36.020 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 56 are each
24 amended to read as follows:

25 A district may raise revenue by levy of an annual tax not to
26 exceed forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value
27 against the assessed valuation of the taxable property in such port
28 district for general port purposes, including the establishment of a
29 capital improvement fund for future capital improvements, except that
30 any levy for the payment of the principal and interest of the general
31 bonded indebtedness of the port district shall be in excess of any
32 levy made by the port district under the forty-five cents per
33 thousand dollars of assessed value limitation. The levy shall be made
34 and taxes collected in the manner provided for the levy and
35 collection of taxes in class one school districts (~~of the first~~
36 ~~class~~)).

37 **Sec. 30.** RCW 84.52.020 and 2005 c 52 s 1 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 It shall be the duty of the city council or other governing body
2 of every city, other than a city having a population of three hundred
3 thousand or more, the board of directors of class one school
4 districts (~~(of the first class)~~), the superintendent of each
5 educational service district for each constituent (~~(second class)~~)
6 class two school district, commissioners of port districts,
7 commissioners of metropolitan park districts, and of all officials or
8 boards of taxing districts within or coextensive with any county
9 required by law to certify to the county legislative authority, for
10 the purpose of levying district taxes, budgets or estimates of the
11 amounts to be raised by taxation on the assessed valuation of the
12 property in the city or district, through their chair and clerk, or
13 secretary, to make and file such certified budget or estimates with
14 the clerk of the county legislative authority on or before the
15 thirtieth day of November.

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