

1979 act, and it shall be  
to carry out the objective for  
with the legislative intent.  
its interpretation should be  
road purposes set forth in

If any provision of this act or  
circumstance is held invalid,  
application of the provision to  
not affected.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1191

State of Washington  
46th Legislature  
Regular Session

by Representatives Rohrbach, Barnes  
and Jovanovich

Read first time February 9, 1979, and referred to Committee on Constitution,  
Elections & Governmental Ethics.

1 AN ACT Relating to port district commissioners; amending section  
2 9, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 as amended by section 3,  
3 chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.035; and amending  
4 section 10, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as last amended by  
5 section 7, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.120.

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

7 Section 1. Section 9, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 as  
8 amended by section 3, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.035  
9 are each amended to read as follows:

10 (1) All candidates for district offices in port  
11 districts of class AA and class A counties shall file their  
12 declarations of candidacy with the county auditor of the county  
13 as set forth in RCW 29.21.060, as now or hereafter amended and  
14 in the same manner as candidates for county offices. In port  
15 districts located in a class AA county the declaration may be  
16 for any numbered port commissioner position to be open in the  
17 next port district election. In port districts with five  
18 commissioners in existence on July 1, 1965, the respective  
19 numbered positions shall correspond to the numbers of the county  
20 commissioner districts from which the three original  
21 commissioners in the port districts were elected, with the  
22 central district being numbered one, and with positions four and  
23 five being assigned to the original at large commissioner  
24 positions for which the first incumbents received, respectively,  
25 the greater and lesser number of votes cast.

26 (2) In all port districts in a class AA county, with  
27 three port commissioners there shall be three positions  
28 denominated positions one, two and three, and declarations of  
29 candidacy shall be for a specific position. Where a proposition  
30 for an increased number of port commissioners is on the ballot

1 under RCW 53.12.120 and RCW 53.12.130, the two additional  
2 positions shall be denominated positions four and five, and  
3 candidates for the positions thus proposed to be created shall  
4 file declarations of candidacy for a specific position.

5 (3) In port districts in a class AA county with nine  
6 councilmanic districts, there shall be three port commissioner  
7 districts, each containing three councilmanic districts. If the  
8 port district has five members, the two additional members shall  
9 serve at large in positions as in subsection (1) of this  
10 section.

11 Sec. 2. Section 10, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as last  
12 amended by section 7, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.120  
13 are each amended to read as follows:

14 In port districts having a population of five hundred  
15 thousand or more, in accordance with the latest United States  
16 census, there shall be submitted to the voters of the district,  
17 at the ~~((first))~~ November, 1979, general election ~~((after-June~~  
18 ~~11, 1953))~~, the proposition of ~~((increasing--the--number--of~~  
19 ~~commissioners--to--five))~~ electing three port commissioners from  
20 commissioner districts and electing two additional commissioners  
21 from the port district at large. At any general election  
22 thereafter, the same proposition may be submitted by resolution  
23 of the port commissioners, by filing a certified copy of the  
24 resolution with the county auditor at least four months prior to  
25 the general election. If the proposition is adopted, the  
26 commission in that port district shall consist of five  
27 commissioners, three in positions numbered as specified in RCW  
28 53.12.035 as now or hereafter amended, ~~((the--additional~~  
29 ~~commissioners--to--take--office--five--days--after--the--election))~~ and  
30 two commissioners chosen at large.