

SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL NO. 519

By COMMITTEE ON
Local Government
(Originally sponsored By
Representatives Lysen, Sommers
and North (Lois))

BRIEF TITLE

Providing for nine port com-
missioners elected from districts
coextensive with county council-
man districts in Class AA
counties.

HOUSE RECORD—

Reported out of
committee with the recommendation that
the substitute bill be substituted for the
original bill and that the substitute bill do
pass. Ordered printed.

On motion
substituted for original bill and placed on
calendar.

Read second time and

Read third time and

Yeas, Nays

Title agreed to

Sent to Senate

Chief Clerk.

SENATE RECORD—

Received from House
Read first time and referred to Committee
on

Reported back by
Committee with recommendation

Read second time and

Read third time and

Yeas, Nays

Title agreed to

Returned to House

Secretary of Senate.

Received from the Senate

Enrolled

Signed by the Speaker of the House

Signed by the President of the Senate

By the Governor

1 AN ACT Relating to port districts; amending section 3, chapter 17, H -0
2 Laws of 1959 as amended by section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 5215;
3 and RCW 53.12.010; amending section 4, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 001
4 as last amended by section 2, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW PARTA
5 53.12.020; amending section 9, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 as ;004
6 amended by section 3, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 6
7 53.12.035; amending section 7, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as last 7
8 amended by section 4, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 7
9 53.12.040; adding new sections to chapter 53.12 RCW; repealing 8
10 section 10, chapter 17, Laws of 1959, section 3, chapter 175, 9
11 Laws of 1959, section 7, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 9
12 53.12.120; and repealing section 11, chapter 17, Laws of 1959, 10
13 section 8, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.130. 10
14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: 11
15 NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is the purpose of the legislature 12
16 by this 1973 amendatory act to provide that the commissioners in a 13
17 port district located in a class AA county shall be elected from nine 14
18 commissioner districts that are coextensive with the county 14
19 councilman districts. 14
20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 53.12 RCW a 15
21 new section to read as follows: 16
22 In a port district located in a class AA county, the commission 17
23 shall consist of nine commissioners in positions as defined and 18
24 numbered in this section. 18
25 The port commission shall establish nine commissioner districts 19
26 which shall be coextensive with the councilman districts of the 20
27 county in which the port district is located. Each port commissioner 21

1 district shall always be coextensive with its respective county 21
2 councilman district, as now or hereafter comprised. Each port 22
3 commissioner district shall be numbered to correspond to the county 23
4 councilman district with which it is coextensive. 23

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 53.12 RCW a 24
6 new section to read as follows: 25

7 In a port district located in a class AA county, at the next 26
8 general election, there shall be elected one commissioner from each 27
9 port commissioner district which is not represented on the 28
10 commission. A district is represented on the commission, if, on the 29
11 effective date of this 1973 amendatory act, a member of the 29
12 commission whose term is not up for election at the next general 30
13 election is a registered voter of that district. 30

14 A candidate may file only for the position which represents the 31
15 commissioner district in which he is a duly registered voter. 32

16 The candidate for each commissioner position receiving the 33
17 highest number of votes shall be elected. Of the commissioners thus 34
18 elected, the three receiving the three highest numbers of votes shall 35
19 hold office for six years, the two receiving the next two highest 35
20 numbers of votes shall hold office for four years, and any others 36
21 thus elected shall hold office for two years. All terms herein 37
22 described shall commence at the date provided by law. Successors to 37
23 those commissioners elected pursuant to this section shall hold for 38
24 terms of six years. 38

25 Sec. 4. Section 3, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as amended by 39
26 section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.010 are each 40
27 amended to read as follows: 40

28 The powers of the port district shall be exercised through a 41
29 port commission consisting of three members. In port districts 42
30 located in a class AA county the members shall be residents of the 43
31 ((county in which the port district is located)) commissioner 44
32 districts as described in section 2 of this 1973 amendatory act. In 44
33 all other port districts, three commissioner districts, numbered 45

1 consecutively, having approximately equal population and boundaries 46
2 following ward and precinct lines, shall be described in the petition 46
3 for the formation of the port district, and one commissioner shall be 47
4 elected from each of said commissioner districts. 48

5 In port districts having ((additional)) nine commissioners as 49
6 authorized by ((RCW 53-42-420 and 53-42-430)) sections 2 and 3 of 50
7 this 1973 amendatory act, the powers of the port district shall be 51
8 exercised through a port commission consisting of ((five)) nine 52
9 members constituted as provided therein. 52

10 Sec. 5. Section 4, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as last amended by 53
11 section 2, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.020 are each 54
12 amended to read as follows: 54

13 ((In port districts located in a class AA county no person 55
14 shall be eligible to hold the office of port commissioner unless he 56
15 is a qualified voter of the district:)) In all ((other)) port 57
16 districts ((except those located in a class AA county)) the person 57
17 must be a qualified voter of the commissioner district from which he 58
18 is elected. 58

19 Sec. 6. Section 9, chapter 175, Laws of 1959 as amended by 59
20 section 3, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.035 are each 60
21 amended to read as follows: 60

22 All candidates for district offices in port districts of class 61
23 AA and class A counties shall file their declarations of candidacy 62
24 with the county auditor of the county as set forth in RCW 29.21.060, 63
25 as now or hereafter amended and in the same manner as candidates for 63
26 county offices. In port districts located in a class AA county the 64
27 declaration may be for ((any)) the numbered port commissioner 65
28 position to be open in the next port district election from which the 66
29 candidate is a registered voter. ((In port districts with five 66
30 commissioners in existence on July 4, 1965, the respective numbered 67
31 positions shall correspond to the numbers of the county commissioner 68
32 districts from which the three original commissioners in the port 69
33 districts were elected, with the central district being numbered one, 69

1 and with positions four and five being assigned to the original at 70
2 large commissioner positions for which the first incumbents received, 71
3 respectively, the greater and lesser number of votes cast. 71
4 In all port districts in a class AA county, with three port 72
5 commissioners there shall be three positions denominated positions 73
6 one, two and three, and declarations of candidacy shall be for a 74
7 specific position. Where a proposition for an increased number of 74
8 port commissioners is on the ballot under RCW 53.12.420 and RCW 75
9 53.12.430, the two additional positions shall be denominated 76
10 positions four and five, and candidates for the positions thus 76
11 proposed to be created shall file declarations of candidacy for a 77
12 specific position:)) 77
13 Sec. 7. Section 7, chapter 17, Laws of 1959 as last amended by 78
14 section 4, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.040 are each 79
15 amended to read as follows: 79
16 In all port districts((other than port districts located in a 80
17 class AA county)) port commissioners shall file declarations of 81
18 candidacy with the county auditor in which the port district is 82
19 located for the commissioner district in which the candidate is a 82
20 resident. 82
21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The following acts or parts of acts are 83
22 each hereby repealed: 84
23 (1) Section 10, chapter 17, Laws of 1959, section 3, chapter 85
24 175, Laws of 1959, section 7, chapter 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 86
25 53.12.120; and 86
26 (2) Section 11, chapter 17, Laws of 1959, section 8, chapter 87
27 51, Laws of 1965 and RCW 53.12.130. 88