

of said board to proceed against such officer in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 5. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate February 14th, 1907.

Passed the House February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 5th, 1907.

CHAPTER 66.

[S. B. 136.]

TAX FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

AN ACT authorizing the levy of a tax for the purpose of improving rivers and streams and providing for the expenditure of the same.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of any county may annually levy a tax, beginning with the year 1907, in such amount as, in their judgment they may deem necessary or advisable, but not to exceed one mill upon all taxable property in such county, for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as "River Improvement Fund."

Commissioners may levy tax.

"River Improvement Fund."

SEC. 2. Said fund shall be expended by such county commissioners in acquiring by condemnation or otherwise, any land bordering upon the banks of any river or stream to be improved, which in their judgment it is advisable to acquire, to strengthen and preserve the banks of any river or stream and prevent overflow thereof, and confine such river or stream within its proper channel; to construct any levee, embankment or other construction at such point where such land is acquired, as in their judgment they may deem necessary or advisable, to protect and render more secure the banks of any river by constructing therein stone or masonry work, contrivance or piling or such other construction as in their judgment is best adapted to accomplish such purpose; to remove log jams or obstructions that may be or hereafter form in such river, and to do any

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other act to prevent the formation of any obstruction in such river or stream.

Removal of
log jams.

SEC. 3. The board of county commissioners are hereby authorized to employ such persons as they deem necessary and fix their compensation to patrol such rivers and streams and remove such log jams or obstructions now existing or which may hereafter form, and for the purpose of preventing the formation thereof, and who shall perform such other duties as are contemplated by this act and directed by said board of county commissioners.

Expenditure
of fund.

SEC. 4. All expenses to be incurred in accomplishing the objects authorized by this act shall be paid out of said river improvement fund and which fund shall be used for no other purpose than the purposes contemplated by this act.

Passed the Senate February 19th, 1907.

Passed the House February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 4th, 1907.

CHAPTER 67.

[S. B. 161.]

AMENDMENT OF STATE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION OF PROPERTY.

AN ACT to amend article VII of the Constitution of the State of Washington relating to the assessment and taxation of property within the state.

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

Submission
to vote.

SECTION 1. That at the general election to be held in this State on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1908, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for their adoption and approval an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Washington, by striking from said article VII all of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to be known as section one: Section

Taxation.

1. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away. Taxes shall be uniform upon