

ment of said tax, which proceedings may be instituted in the superior court of Thurston county.

If any part
unconstitu-
tional.

SEC. 5. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Referendum.

SEC. 6. This act shall be submitted to the people for their ratification at the next general election in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Article 11 of the State Constitution, as amended at the general election held in November 1912, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

Passed the House February 16, 1923.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1923.

(Referendum.) Filed without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 88.

[H. B. 27.]

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

AN ACT providing for the amendment of Section 5 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Washington relating to county officers.

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

Constitu-
tional
amendment
proposed.

SECTION 1. That at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1924, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this state for their adoption and approval or rejection an amendment to Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Washington so that Section 5 of said Article XI when amended shall read as follows:

Section 5. The Legislature, by general and uniform laws, shall provide for the election in the several counties of boards of county commissioners, sheriffs, county clerks, treasurers, prosecuting attorneys and other county, township or precinct and district officers, as public convenience may require, and shall prescribe their duties, and fix their terms of office: *Provided*, That the Legislature may, by general laws, classify the counties by population and provide for the election in certain classes of counties certain officers who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of two or more officers. It shall regulate the compensation of all such officers, in proportion to their duties, and for that purpose may classify the counties by population. And it shall provide for the strict accountability of such officers for all fees which may be collected by them and for all public moneys which may be paid to them, or officially come into their possession.

Passed the House January 31, 1923.

Passed the Senate February 22, 1923.

Filed without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HJNKLE,
Secretary of State.