

CHAPTER 41.

[S. B. 148.]

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF RAILROADS IN
CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT granting additional authority to cities of the first class to authorize the location, construction and operation of railroads in, along, over or across any highway, street, alley, or public place, and to prescribe the duration and condition of such use, notwithstanding any charter provisions limiting the term of franchise, or concerning the acquisition by any such city of the property of companies holding any franchise, privilege, license, grant or authority, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Any city of the first class shall have the power by ordinance to authorize the location, construction and operation of railroads in, along, over and across any highway, street, alley or public place in such city, for such term of years and upon such conditions as the city council of such city may by ordinance prescribe, notwithstanding any provisions of the charter of such city limiting the terms of franchises, or requiring such franchises to contain a provision that such city shall at any time have the right to appropriate, by purchase, the property of the corporation receiving any franchise, license, privilege or authority: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as applying to street railroads or railroads operated in connection with street railroads, in and along the streets of such city.

Authority notwithstanding charter provisions.

Street railroads excepted.

SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate February 13th, 1907.

Passed the House February 20th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor February 26th, 1907.