

## CHAPTER VII.

[S. B. No. 26.]

ENABLING CITIES AND TOWNS TO VALIDATE CERTAIN  
WARRANTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS.

AN ACT to enable cities and towns to validate certain warrants and other obligations and evidences of indebtedness on the part of such cities and towns issued by the corporate authorities thereof in excess of their legal authority, and declaring an emergency to exist.

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

SECTION 1. Any city or town now having a corporate existence in this state may ratify in the manner prescribed in this act, the attempted incurring of any indebtedness of such city or town by the issuing of warrants, making of contracts, or creations of other evidences of indebtedness on the part of such city or town by the corporate authorities thereof at any time prior to the passage of this act, when the only ground of the invalidity of such indebtedness so to be ratified is that, at the time of such attempted incurring thereof, the same, together with all other then existing indebtedness of such city or town, exceeded one and one-half percentum of the taxable property in such city or town ascertained by the last assessment for city or town purposes previous to the attempted incurring of such indebtedness, and that such indebtedness was so attempted to be incurred without the assent of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose.

Ground of  
invalidity.

SEC. 2. Whenever the city council or other legislative body of any such city or town shall deem it advisable that the ratification authorized by this act shall be obtained, the corporation shall provide therefor by ordinance, which shall specify separately the amount of each distinct class of such indebtedness so to be ratified, the date or period of the attempted incurring by the corporate authorities of each separate class thereof, and the general nature of the indebtedness comprised in each such distinct class, and shall provide for the holding of an election for that pur-

Council to  
provide by  
ordinance.

pose, of which thirty days' notice, to be provided for in such ordinance, shall be given in the official newspaper or newspapers of such city or town at which the attempted incurring of such indebtedness shall be submitted to the voters in such city or town for ratification or disapproval. Each distinct class of such indebtedness so specified shall be the subject of a distinct vote in favor of or against the ratification thereof, and such vote shall designate the class of indebtedness referred to by the description thereof used and the amount specified in the ordinance.

Notice of election.

Each class subject of distinct vote.

SEC. 3. If at an election held as provided for in section two of this act three-fifths of the voters in such city or town voting at such election shall vote in favor of the ratification of any distinct class of such indebtedness, specified in the ordinance providing for such election, then such indebtedness so ratified shall thereby become and is hereby declared to be validated and a binding obligation upon such city or town when the only ground of the previous invalidity of such indebtedness is that, at the time of the incurring thereof so ratified, the same, together with all other then existing indebtedness of such city or town, exceeded one and one-half per centum of the taxable property in such city or town ascertained by the last previous assessment for city or town purposes: *Provided*, That neither anything in this act contained, nor the vote cast at any such election shall be deemed to validate or authorize any indebtedness which, together with all other indebtedness of such city or town existing at the time of the attempted incurring of the same, exceeded any constitutional limitation of indebtedness which might be incurred with the assent of three-fifths of the voters in such city or town voting at an election to be held for that purpose: *And provided further*, That this act shall apply only to indebtedness attempted to be incurred prior to the passage hereof.

Number of votes necessary.

Not in excess of constitutional limitation.

SEC. 4. Inasmuch as the existing statute of this state, enabling cities and towns to validate indebtedness attempted to be incurred on the part of such cities and towns by the corporate authorities thereof in excess of their legal authority is restricted by its terms to indebtedness attempted to be incurred prior to the passage thereof, and inasmuch as

Emergency.

the legal authority has been so exceeded in good faith in sundry cities and towns of this state since the passage of said existing statute and there is no statute applicable to the validation of such indebtedness attempted to be incurred since the passage of said statute, an emergency exists for the immediate effect of this law; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved February 6, 1893.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

[H. B. No. 240.]

### AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PURCHASE, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS, AND ISSUE BONDS THEREFOR.

AN ACT relating to and authorizing cities and towns to purchase, construct and maintain water works, systems of sewerage, gas and electric light plants and to issue bonds to pay therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That any incorporated city or town within the state be and is hereby authorized to construct, or condemn and purchase, or purchase or add to and maintain, water works within or without the city limits for the purpose of furnishing the city and the inhabitants thereof with an ample supply of water for all purposes, and to construct and maintain a system of sewerage, with full jurisdiction and authority to manage, regulate and control the same beyond the limits of the corporation, and to buy or build gas works or electric light plants for the purpose of lighting streets and public places, and supplying lights to the inhabitants of such cities and towns, with full authority to regulate and control the same.

City council.

SEC. 2. Whenever the city council or board of trustees of any such city or town shall deem it advisable that the