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.

CHAPTER VIII.

[ H. B. No. 240.]

AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PURCHASE, CON-
STRUCT 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 con-
demn and purchase, or purchase or add to and maintain,
water works within or without the city limits for the pur-
pose 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 light-
ing streets and public places, and supplying lights to the
inhabitants of such cities and towns, with full authority to
regulate and control the same.

Sec. 2. Whenever the city council or board of trustees
of any such city or town shall deem it advisable that the
city or town of which they are such officers shall exercise
the authority hereby conferred upon them in relation to
water works, sewerage or works for lighting purposes, any
or all thereof, the corporation shall provide therefor by or-
dinance, which shall specify and adopt the system or plan
proposed and declare the estimated cost thereof, as near as
may be, and the same shall be submitted for ratification or
rejection to the qualified voters of said city, at a special
election, of which thirty days' notice shall be given in the
newspaper doing the city printing, by publication in each
issue of said paper during said time: Provided, That if
the said city or town is to become indebted or issue bonds
for such water works or sewerage system or plant, or works
for lighting purposes, the said proposition and authority
to become so indebted shall be adopted and assented to by
three-fifths of the qualified voters of said city or town vot-
ing at said election, except as to the adoption or rejection
of the system or plan of internal improvements contem-
plated, which may be adopted by a majority vote. When
the system or plan has been adopted and the creation of an
indebtedness assented to as aforesaid, the said corporation
shall be authorized and empowered to construct and acquire
the internal improvements contemplated, and to create an
indebtedness and to issue bonds therefor as hereinafter
provided, which said indebtedness and bonds shall not ex-
ceed five (5) per cent. of the taxable property, as shown
on the last assessment roll of the city or town made for
general municipal purposes; such indebtedness and bonds
to be additional to all other outstanding indebtedness of
the city or town created within constitutional limits.

Sec. 3. Whenever a city or town shall be authorized
to issue bonds, the said bonds shall be issued in denomina-
tions of not less than one hundred or more than one thou-
sand dollars, shall be numbered from one up consecutively,
shall bear the date of their issue, shall be payable not more
than twenty years from date, and shall bear interest not
exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually,
with interest coupons attached, and the principal and in-
terest shall be made payable at such place as may be desig-
nated. The bonds and each coupon shall be signed by the
mayor and attested by the clerk under the seal of the city or town.

SEC. 4. There shall be levied each year a tax upon the taxable property of such city or town as the case may be, sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as the same accrues, and before seven years prior to the maturity thereof, an annual sinking fund tax sufficient for the payment of said bonds at maturity, which taxes shall become due and collectible as other taxes.

SEC. 5. Said bonds shall be printed, or engraved, or lithographed on good bond paper, and a duly authenticated copy of this act, together with the ordinance of the city or town authorizing and directing such special election, shall be printed on each bond, together with a statement signed by the mayor and clerk showing the result of said election.

SEC. 6. Such bonds shall be sold in such manner as the corporate authorities shall deem for the best interest of the city or town. A register shall be kept of all bonds, which register shall show the number, date, amount, interest, name of payee, and when and where payable, of each and every bond executed, issued or sold under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. There being no adequate law in this state 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, an emergency exists; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved February 10, 1893.