any contract or obligation made or entered into prior to the
taking effect of this act.
Passed the Senate February 3, 1897.
Passed the House March 5, 1897.
Approved by the Governor March 11, 1897.

CHAPTER LVI.
[S. B. No. 51.]
RELATING TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.
AN ACT providing for the constitutional amendment conferring
the elective franchise on women.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend article VI of the
constitution of the State of Washington by adding a sec-
tion to be called section 9, so as to confer the elective
franchise on women: Section 9. The elective franchise
shall never be denied any person on account of sex, not-
withstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution.

SEC. 2. The secretary of state shall cause the foregoing
amendment to be published for three months next preced-
ing said election to be held in November, 1898, in some
weekly newspaper in every county within this state wherein
a newspaper is published.

SEC. 3. That at the general election to be held in No-
vember, 1898, the amendment hereinbefore mentioned in
section 1 shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the
State of Washington for their approval, and there shall be
printed on all the ballots provided for said election the
words: "For the proposed amendment to article VI of the
constitution, conferring the elective franchise on women,"
"Against the proposed amendment to article VI of the
constitution, conferring the elective franchise on women."

Passed the Senate February 25, 1897.
Passed the House March 10, 1897.
Approved by the Governor March 11, 1897.