

CHAPTER 248.

[S. B. 90.]

AMENDING ACT RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION,
CLASSIFICATION AND GOVERNMENT OF MUNICIPAL
CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT amending section 715 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, relating to the organization, classification, incorporation and government of municipal corporations.

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

SECTION 1. That section 715 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Classifica-
tion of
cities.

Sec. 715. Existing corporations organized as cities of the first class shall remain such, and the classes of those which may be or may become cities of the first class shall be determined as follows: Those which on the first day of the month of January last had, and those which hereafter on the first day of the month of January in any year have, according to an official report or abstract of the then next preceding federal or State census, more than twenty thousand inhabitants shall constitute the first class, and shall be organized and governed under the laws relating to cities authorized to frame and adopt their own charters; those which on the first day of the month of January last had, and those which hereafter on the first day of the month of January in any year have, when ascertained in the same way, more than ten thousand and less than twenty thousand inhabitants shall constitute the second class; and those which on the first day of the month of January last had, and those which hereafter on the first day of the month of January in any year have, when ascertained in the same way, more than fifteen hundred and less than ten thousand inhabitants shall constitute the third class: *Provided*, That when a petition is filed in accordance with section 703 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, seeking reorganization of any town or city as a city of a higher class than that indicated by the last preceding federal or State census, then in such case the council or other legislative body to which such petition is presented, shall forthwith cause a census to be taken by one

Census.

or more suitable persons, of all the inhabitants of such town or city in which census the full name of each person shall be plainly written, and the names alphabetically arranged and regularly numbered in complete series; which census shall be verified before an officer authorized to administer oaths, and filed with the clerk of the corporation. And if such census shows such city or town to belong to the class named in such petition, the same proceedings shall be had as if such census were a federal or State census. But if such census shows such town or city not entitled to belong to the class named in such petition, no further proceedings shall be had: *Provided further*, That such city or town may be reorganized as a city or town of the class indicated by such census, upon a proper petition filed within six months from the filing of such census with the clerk of the corporation, without other or further census.

Passed the Senate February 7th, 1907.

Passed the House March 13th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 19th, 1907.

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[H. B. 337.]

AMENDING ACT ESTABLISHING A RAILROAD COMMISSION.

AN ACT to amend section 23 of an act entitled: "An act to establish a railroad commission for the State of Washington, whereby discrimination and extortion in railroad and express charges may be prevented and reasonable and just freight and passenger service and tariff may be corrected and established; to authorize the commission to make all necessary rules and regulations for its government, and the carrying into effect the provisions of this act; to give to said commission the power to regulate the sale of railroad tickets, and to correct and provide charges for hauling loaded or empty cars, proper trackage, proper train service, sufficient freight and passenger rooms, and just and reasonable joint rates and demurrals charges; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to provide means and rules for its proper enforcement, and making an appropriation therefor." Approved March 7, 1905.

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

SECTION 1. That section 23 of an act entitled "An Act to establish a railroad commission for the State of Wash-