

CHAPTER 13.

[H. B. 66.]

ACCEPTANCE BY CITIES OF GRANTS OF TERRITORY
BY UNITED STATES.

AN ACT relating to cities other than the first class, conferring thereon the power to accept gifts, grants and leases of property from the national government lying outside of their corporate limits and to annex the same, and validating certain attempts so to do heretofore made, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall have heretofore been or shall hereafter be tendered or offered to any incorporated city other than cities of the first class, by gift, grant or lease, from the government of the United States the right to occupy, control, improve, use or sublease for commercial, manufacturing or industrial purposes, any lands, waters or other territory lying adjacent to but outside the corporate limits of such city, the legislative authorities of such city if they shall deem it necessary or expedient or for the best interests of such city, may and they are hereby authorized to, by ordinance, accept such tender or offer and assume and exercise, on behalf of such city, the right to occupy, control, improve, use and sublease such territory and comply with all the conditions of said gift, grant or lease, and annex said territory, and such intervening or adjacent shore or tide lands as may be convenient or necessary for the use thereof, and to include the same within the corporate limits of such city: *Provided*, This act shall not apply to any territory or property more than four miles from the corporate limits existing before such annexation.

Authority to
accept grants
from United
States.

Annexation
of granted
territory.

SEC. 2. Whenever any city shall have annexed or shall hereafter annex any such territory as in the preceding section provided, the territory so annexed shall become and be a part of the ward or wards of such city adjacent thereto or shall become and be a separate ward of such city as may

Division into
wards.

Municipal
jurisdiction.

be provided in the ordinance annexing the same, and such city shall thereafter have and may exercise over and within such annexed territory the same jurisdiction and authority that it had within its former corporate limits at the time of such annexation or which may be thereafter conferred upon it by law, and may cause such annexed territory, lands and waters to be surveyed, subdivided and platted into lots, blocks and tracts, and lay out and reserve for public use and improve streets, roads, alleys, slips and other public places, and grant and sublease any such lot, block or tract for commercial, manufacturing or industrial purposes, and reserve, receive and collect rents therefor and expend the same in making and maintaining public improvements within such annexed territory, and in case any surplus thereof remains at the end of any fiscal year, may deposit the same in the current expense or general fund of such city and expend the same for any municipal purpose.

Control and
management
of annexed
territory.

Validation
of prior
acceptances.

SEC. 3. All ordinances heretofore passed by the legislative authority of any such incorporated city for the purpose of accepting any gift, grant or lease of or annexing any territory as hereinabove provided are hereby validated.

Emergency.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 5, 1915.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1915.

Approved by the Governor February 25, 1915.