

in its discretion, extend the time of suspension for a further period not exceeding sixty (60) days.

At any hearing involving any change in any schedule, classification, rule, or regulation, the effect of which is to increase any rate, fare, charge, rental or toll theretofore charged, the burden of proof to show that the changed schedule, classification, rule, or regulation, or the increased or proposed increased rate, fare, charge, rental or toll, is just and reasonable shall be upon the public service company.

Burden of proof on company.

The commission shall give to the hearing and decision of such questions preference over all other questions pending before it and shall decide the same as speedily as possible.

Preference in hearings.

If the commission shall at the conclusion of the hearing refuse to permit such increase, either in whole or in part, no supersedeas shall be granted in any action or proceeding brought to review the order of the commission pending the final determination of such action by the superior court, or, if appealed to the supreme court, by such supreme court.

No supersedeas pending review by courts.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1915.

Passed the House March 10, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1915.

CHAPTER 134.

[Amended S. B. 58.]

ASSESSMENT OF HARBOR AREA LEASEHOLDS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

AN ACT relating to special assessments upon harbor area leasehold interests in cities and towns.

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

SECTION 1. That all leasehold rights and interests of private persons, firms or corporations in or to harbor areas located within the corporate limits of any incorporated

Authorizing assessment of harbor area lease holds.

city or town are for the purpose of assessment for the payment of the cost of local improvements declared to be real property, and all such leasehold rights and interests may be assessed and re-assessed in accordance with the special benefits received, the amount of such assessment to be limited to the benefits accruing during the term of the lease, for the purpose of paying the cost of any such improvement heretofore made or which may hereafter be made upon any street or other public place immediately abutting upon and within a distance of one-half of a block back from, but not exceeding three hundred and fifty (350) feet of, such improvement.

Passed the Senate February 15, 1915.

Passed the House March 9, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1915.

CHAPTER 135.

[S. B. 400.]

MOTHER'S PENSIONS.

Repeals
Rem.-Bal.
§§ 8385-1—
8385-6.

AN ACT relating to the support of mothers, who by reason of destitution, insufficient property or income, or lack of earning capacity, are unable to support their children under the age of fifteen years, and repealing sections 8385-1, 8385-2, 8385-3, 8385-4, 8385-5 and 8385-6 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

Counties to
help destitute
mothers.

SECTION 1. In every county it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to provide out of the moneys of the county treasury an amount sufficient to meet the purposes of this law, for the support of mothers who, by reason of destitution, insufficient property or income, or lack of earning capacity, are unable to support their children under the age of fifteen years, and who come within the following classes, to-wit:

First. A mother whose husband is dead or confined in a penal institution or insane hospital.