

Election
of clerk.

shall elect a clerk for said district, and the clerks of the several districts so united shall deliver to said clerk all books, papers and records belonging to their respective offices. The board may in its discretion require the superintendent, if there be one, of such consolidated district to act as clerk. The clerk of the new district thus formed shall immediately notify the county superintendent of the organization of the board of the new district.

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CHAPTER 183.

[S. B. 162.]

FUNDING MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED IN EXTENSION OR OPERATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT relating to cities, excepting cities of the first class, and towns authorizing the ratification, validation and funding of certain warrants issued for the construction, extension, maintenance and operation of public utilities, and the issue and disposal of bonds therefor, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

Authority
for ratifying
and funding
unauthorized
indebtedness.

SECTION 1. Whenever any city, excepting cities of the first class, or town owning or operating any public utility mentioned in section 8005 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, shall have heretofore issued and has outstanding any warrants drawn upon any special fund or funds derived from the earnings of and maintained for such public utility, issued for any extension to, or betterment, or enlargement of the plant or system of such utility, or issued for the maintenance or operating expenses of such utility by reason of the fact that the funds derived from the earnings of such utility have been expended in constructing such extensions, betterments or enlargements, and the said extension to, bet-

terment or enlargement shall not have been fully authorized by the electors of said city or town, said warrants and the indebtedness for which the same were issued, may be validated, ratified and funded, and the bonds of such city or town, or bonds payable out of the gross revenues of such public utility issued and exchanged therefor, or sold and the proceeds applied to the payment thereof in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The council, commission or other legislative authority of such city or town shall provide by ordinance for the submission of the questions of validating, ratifying and funding such warrants and indebtedness, and the issue and the exchange or sale of bonds therefor to the qualified voters of said city or town in the same manner prescribed in section 8006 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, for submitting the question of incurring indebtedness. If a general indebtedness is authorized by the qualified voters, general city or town bonds may be issued in the manner prescribed in section 8007 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington. If no general indebtedness is authorized by the qualified voters, or if the legislative authorities shall not desire to incur a general indebtedness, bonds payable out of the gross earnings of such utility may be issued in the manner prescribed in section 8008 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington. No irregularity in the form of any such warrants or in their manner of issue, shall be deemed to preclude such city or town from acting under the provisions of this act.

Assent of voters to bond issue for general indebtedness.

Bonds against gross earnings.

SEC. 3. That this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency vetoed.
E. L.

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Section 3 vetoed by the Governor March 19, 1915.