

right to use said lands or any portion thereof, for the cultivation and propagation of clams and any and all edible shell fish.

Passed the House, February 5, 1919.

Passed the Senate, March 10, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1919.

CHAPTER 167.

[H. B. 113.]

TAXATION IN CITIES OF THIRD CLASS.

AN ACT relating to taxation in cities of the third class and amending section 17 of an act entitled "An Act relating to the government, powers and duties of cities of the third class" approved March 20th, 1915, and known as section 17 of chapter 184 of the Session Laws of 1915, also, known as 7671-17 Remington's 1915, Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 17 of chapter 184 of the Session Laws of 1915, approved March 20th, 1915, be amended to read as follows:

Section 17. Any such city shall have power through its council to levy and collect annually, a property tax for the payment of current expenses not exceeding fifteen mills on the dollar of assessed valuation: *Provided*, that if the qualified electors of said city at a special election to be held for that purpose should vote in favor of a larger levy for the payment of current expenses, than fifteen mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, a larger levy for said purpose may accordingly be made: *Provided, further*, that the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the electors voting at such election shall be necessary to authorize such levy.

Amount of
tax levy.

Percentage
of levy for
special im-
provement.

SEC. 2. When the city council of any such city does by unanimous vote so decide it may use not to exceed 2 mills of said levy in creating a special fund for any special improvement or purpose authorized by existing laws; such purpose to be specifically designated by resolution of said council when creating said fund and said fund shall not be used for any purpose other than authorized by said resolution except by unanimous vote of said council.

Passed the House, February 21, 1919.

Passed the Senate, March 5, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1919.

CHAPTER 168.

[S. H. B. 193.]

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTIES FOR REGULATION OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS.

AN ACT classifying counties according to population, fixing the salaries of county officers of such counties according to class, and repealing sections 3884-1, 3888, 4031 and 4033 to 4061, both inclusive, Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, and chapter 88 of the Laws of 1917, and all other acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith.

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

Classifica-
tion.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of regulating the compensation of county officers and for all other purposes herein provided for, the several counties of the state are hereby classified according to their population as follows:

Counties containing a population of 210,000 or more shall belong to and be known as Class A counties;

Counties containing a population of 125,000 and under 210,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the first class;