CHAPTER 70.

[H. B. 84.]

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT relating to local improvements in cities and towns, and amending Section 7892-35 and Section 7892-36 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7892-35 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

When the assessment upon Enforcement Section 7892-35. property is payable in installments, the enforcement assessment. of the lien of any installment by any method herein authorized, shall not prevent the enforcement of the lien of any subsequent installment by any method herein authorized, when the same may become delinquent. Any such city or town may provide by general ordinance, that upon failure to pay any installment when due, the entire assessment shall become due and payable and the collection thereof enforced in the manner prescribed: Provided. however, that payment of such delinquent installment or installments due, together with interest, penalty and costs, at any time before entry of judgment in foreclosure as herein provided, shall extend the time of payment on the remainder of the assessments the same as if there had been no delinquency or foreclosure.

SEC. 2. That section 7892-36 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 7892-36. Any city or town may, by gen- Delinquency eral ordinance, provide for the issuance of certificates of delinquency for any and all delinquent assessments, or installments thereof, heretofore or hereafter levied, and any penalty and interest

of entire

certificates.

Such certificates of thereon to date of issuance. delinquency shall constitute a lien against the property upon which such assessments were levied, and shall bear interest from the date of issuance thereof at the rate of twelve (12%) per centum per annum, and may be foreclosed after two years from the date of their issuance in the same manner and with the same effect as mortgages upon real estate are fore-Such certificates may be issued to the city, closed. or may be sold to any person applying therefor. They may be assigned in writing, and the city may sell and assign any and all certificates which may be issued to it upon the payment of the value thereof in principal and accrued interest, in cash. Such certificate shall be *prima facie* evidence that the land against which the same was issued was subject to the assessment at the time the same was assessed, that the property was assessed as required by law, and that the assessment, or installment thereof, was not paid prior to the issuance of such certificate.

Issuance unauthorižed pending court proceedings. No such certificate of delinquency shall be issued upon any property for any assessment or installment thereof during the pendency of any proceedings in court affecting such assessment or installment thereof.

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Sale and assignment.

Certificate as evidence.