

CHAPTER 212.

[S. B. 272.]

BONDS OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT relating to the issuance of bonds of cities of the first class, defining the powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto, prohibiting the duplication thereof and prescribing penalties for violations thereof.

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

Mayor, comptroller and clerk may designate bonded person to affix their signatures.

SECTION 1. The mayor of any city of the first class and also the city comptroller and city clerk of any such city, may severally designate one or more bonded persons in the manner provided in this act, who shall have authority to affix the signature of the officer making such designation to any bond or bonds, which by law or by any city ordinance are required to be signed by said officers or any of them, respectively, whether the same constitute obligations of the city as a whole or of any local improvement or other district or subdivision thereof, and whether or not such bonds call for payment from the general funds of such city or from any local, special or other fund, and whether negotiable or otherwise. When the signature of such officer is so affixed to any such bond or bonds pursuant to such designation, during the continuance in office of the officer making such designation and before any revocation of such designation, such bond or bonds shall be in all respects as binding on the city and on all concerned as if signed by such officer in person.

City council to be notified.

SEC. 2. Whenever any such officer desires to designate a person for said purpose, such officer shall address a written notice to the city council or other governing body giving the name of the person whom he has selected therefor and stating, either generally or specifically, what bond or bonds such person shall

have authority to sign. Attached to, or included in, such notice shall be a written signature of the officer making such designation, executed by the person so designated, with the signature of the person so designated underneath preceded by the word "By": *Provided*, That if so stated and appearing in such notice, the name of such officer for his signature upon any such bond or bonds may be a fac simile reproduction of such officer's own signature impressed by some mechanical process followed by the word "By" and the original signature of the bonded person so designated by such officer. If such authority is intended to include authority to sign any bond or bonds bearing an earlier date than the effective date of such notice, such notice shall specify such prior-dated bond or bonds by reasonable reference. Such notice shall be filed in the office of the city comptroller or city clerk, together with the signatures attached thereto, and shall be recorded in the journal of the city council, or other governing body, and shall be effective from the time of such recording, which recording may be made by the official keeping such records at any time after the filing of the same, even during a period of recess or adjournment of the body to which the same is addressed. With such record there shall be a notation of the date of making the same. Any such designation may be revoked by written notice signed by the officer who has made such designation, addressed to the city council, or other governing body, and filed and recorded in like manner and such revocation shall be effective from the time of such recording, but shall not affect the validity of any signature theretofore validly made.

Signature
to be used
submitted.

Mechanical
process.

Revocation.

SEC. 3. Any such officer authorizing the affixing of his signature in the manner provided in this act shall be subject to the same liability, personally and on his official bond, for any signature so affixed, to

Liability of
officer.

the same extent as if such signature had been affixed by himself in person.

Coupons,
fac simile
signature
printed.

SEC. 4. In the case of coupons attached to any of the bonds referred to in section one (1) of this act, the signature or signatures of any of said officers on any such coupons shall be lawful and sufficient if a fac simile reproduction of such officer's own signature is printed, lithographed or engraved on such coupons without further authentication thereon, and as to signatures on coupons no compliance with the provisions of section two (2) of this act shall be required.

Deputies not
required.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed as requiring the appointment of deputies of city controllers or of city clerks in cities of the first class to be made in accordance with the provisions of this act, so far as concerns signatures or other doings which may be lawfully made or done by any such deputy under the provisions of any other law.

Number of
bonds
designated.

SEC. 6. The officer whose duty it shall be to cause any bonds to be engraved, printed or lithographed shall specify in a written order, or requisition delivered to the engraver, printer or lithographer the number of bonds to be engraved, printed or lithographed and the manner of numbering the same.

Felony to
print more.

Every person, firm or corporation engraving, printing or lithographing any bonds pursuant to such order or requisition who shall engrave, print or lithograph a greater number of bonds than that specified in the order or requisition, or who shall engrave, print or lithograph more than one bond of the same number, shall be guilty of a felony.

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