CHAPTER 17.

[H. B. 155.]

MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS.

AN ACT relating to the acquirement, extension, operation and maintenance of waterworks systems by cities and towns, providing for the furnishing of water by such cities and towns to other municipal corporations, communities and persons, and the acquirement and construction of waterworks and distribution systems both inside and outside the city for the purpose of supplying itself and such outside communities with water; fixing the term of utility revenue bonds to pay therefor, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any city or town in the State of Washington owns or operates any municipal waterworks system and shall desire to extend such utility beyond its corporate limits it shall be lawful for such city or town to acquire, construct and maintain any addition to or extension of such system and to sell, dispose of and distribute water to any other municipality, water district, community, corporation or person desiring to purchase the same.

SEC. 2. Any such city or town is hereby authorized to construct, purchase or acquire any waterworks, pipe lines, distribution systems and any extensions thereof, necessary to furnish such outside communities with water.

SEC. 2A. No city or town shall be authorized to, nor shall it exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire, condemn, take or damage any water works, storage reservoir, site, pipe line distribution system and/or any extension thereof, or any water right, water appropriation, dam, canal, plant, or any interest in, or to any of the above used, operated, held or owned by any irrigation district.
Sec. 3. Any such city or town shall have power to enter into a contract with any such outside municipality, community, corporation or person, for furnishing them with water from the municipal waterworks system, fixing the terms upon which such outside distribution systems will be installed and the rates at which and manner in which payment shall be made for the service rendered.

Sec. 4. The council or commission of any such city or town shall by ordinance adopt the scheme for any additions or extensions to its municipal waterworks system under which it is proposed to furnish itself and outside communities with water and the method of financing the same and submit such plan to the qualified voters of such city or town at a general or special election. Such plan, if a general indebtedness is to be incurred, must be assented to by three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at said election, and if no general indebtedness be incurred, such proposition must be adopted by a majority vote. Notice of such election shall be given and general or revenue bonds issued to pay for such utility or extension thereof all as provided by sections 9489 to 9491, inclusive, Remington’s Revised Statutes of Washington: Provided, That utility bonds payable from the revenues of the water system may have maturities not exceeding thirty years.

Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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