

CHAPTER 37.

[H. B. 21.]

CITIES OWNING AND OPERATING PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT relating to cities of the first class, authorizing such cities owning and operating public utilities to deal with and to contract with employees of such utilities and their accredited representatives, concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor therein.

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

SECTION 1. That any city of the first class within this state, owning and operating a system of water-works, light and power system, street railway or other public utility, shall have power and authority, through its proper officers and officials, to deal with and to enter into contracts for periods not exceeding one year, with its employees employed in the construction, maintenance and/or operation of such utilities, through the accredited representatives of such employees or of any labor organization or organizations representing and authorized to act for such employees, concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor in such employment: *Provided*, Nothing herein shall be construed to permit hours of labor in excess of those provided by law or conditions of employment otherwise prohibited by law.

Passed the House February 8, 1935.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1935.

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