Right of Eminent Domain Extended to Mining Corporations.

An Act relating to the extension of the right of eminent domain to mining, milling or reduction works corporations and amending Remington's Revised Statutes sections 8608 and 8609.

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

Section 1. That Remington's Revised Statutes section 8608 be amended to read as follows:

Section 8608. The right of eminent domain is hereby extended to all corporations incorporated or that may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this state or any state or territory of the United States, engaged in the business of acquiring, owning or operating, mines, mills, or reduction works, or mining or milling gold, silver, or other minerals which may desire to establish, own, or operate, in the conducting of such business, any road, railroad, surface tramway, or elevated cable tramway, to property owned by said corporation, or ditch, tunnel, flume, or canal to convey water thereto, or ditch, flume, cut, or tunnel to convey the water or tailings therefrom, or tunnel or shaft necessary for the better working of their property, for the purpose of acquiring the property necessary to carry out such desire.
Sec. 2. That Remington's Revised Statutes section 8609 be amended to read as follows:

Section 8609. Every corporation incorporated or that may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this state or any state or territory of the United States, engaged in the business of acquiring, owning or operating, mines, mills, or reduction works, or mining or milling gold, silver, or other minerals, which may desire to establish, own, or operate, in the conducting of such business, any road, railroad, surface tramway, or elevated cable tramway to property owned by said corporation, or ditch, tunnel, flume or canal to convey water thereto, or ditch, flume, cut, or tunnel to convey the waters or tailings therefrom, or tunnel or shaft necessary for the better working of their property, shall have the right to enter upon any land between the termini of the proposed improvement for the purpose of examining, locating and surveying such property, doing no unnecessary damage thereby.

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