CHAPTER 114.
[S. B. 160.]
ALLOWING REFERENDUM ON UTILITY FRANCHISE
GRANTS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

An Act relating to the power of cities to grant certain utility
franchises, and providing for a referendum, and declaring
an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. All grants of franchises or rights for
the conduct or distribution of electric energy, electric
power, or electric light within any city or town
of the State of Washington by the City Council or
other legislative body or legislative authority
thereof, whether granted by ordinance, resolution,
or other form of grant, contract, permission or li-
cense, shall be subject to popular referendum under
the general laws of this state heretofore or hereafter
enacted, or as may be provided by the charter pro-
visions, heretofore or hereafter adopted, of any such
city or town.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
support of the state government and of the existing
public institutions of the state and shall take effect
immediately: Provided, That no petition for refer-
endum may be filed after six months from the date
of ordinance, resolution, or other form of grant, con-
tract, permission, or license granting such franchise.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1941.
Passed the House March 12, 1941.
Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.