Tax levy by Board.

Metropolitan Park District Fund.

Section 5. Said Board of Park Commissioners are hereby authorized to levy or cause to be levied a general tax on all the property located in said park district each year not to exceed three (3) mills on the assessed valuation of the property in such park district. Said taxes when so levied shall be certified to the proper county official for collection the same as other general taxes. When such money is collected, it shall be placed in a separate fund to be known as the "Metropolitan Park District Fund" and paid out on warrants issued on the Board of Park Commissioners for the purposes specified in this act.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1947. Passed the House March 8, 1947. Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.

CHAPTER 118. [S. B. 72.]

APPROPRIATION—DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES.

- An Act appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of Fisheries, for actual and necessary expenses for participation of the State of Washington in The Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.
- Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Appropriation. SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the State of Washington the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Department of Fisheries for the purpose of paying the actual and necessary expenses of participation of the State of Washington in The Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.

Conditioned upon compact. SEC. 2. This appropriation shall become available only in the event of enactment of The Pacific Marine Fisheries Compact by two or more of the States of California, Oregon and Washington and ratification of the same by Congress as required by the Constitution of the United States.

Passed the Senate February 6, 1947.

Passed the House March 7, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.

CHAPTER 119. [S. B. 107.]

VETERANS—COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICES.

- AN ACT relating to competitive examinations for public offices, positions and employment; providing for preferences for all veterans of wars of the United States; and amending section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945 (sec. 9963-5, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-50, PPC).
- Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945 (sec. 9963-5, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-50, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. In all competitive examinations, un-Preferences to veterans. less otherwise provided herein, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public offices, positions or employment, the State of Washington, and all of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference status to all veterans, as herein defined, of all wars in which the United States of America has been, now is or may hereafter be engaged, by adding to the mark, grade or rating, based upon a possible rating of one hundred (100) points as perfect, ten per cent (10%) to his final earned test rating: *Provided*. That he has received a minimum passing grade in such examination. The term "veteran" as herein used, shall include every person who has served, now is serving, or may hereafter serve in any branch of the Armed

Veterans defined.