

CHAPTER 209.

[S. B. 15.]

LOCAL UTILITY DISTRICTS IN PUBLIC
UTILITY DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to local utility assessment districts in public utility districts; and amending sections 54.16.120 and 54.16.130 of the Revised Code of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.16.120 of the Revised Code of Washington, derived from section 6, chapter 1, of the Laws of 1931, is hereby amended to read as follows: Amendment.

A district may, by resolution, establish and define the boundaries of local assessment districts to be known as local utility district No. _____, for distribution, under the general supervision and control of the commission, of water for domestic use, irrigation, and electric energy, and for providing street lighting, or any of them, and in like manner provide for the purchasing, or otherwise acquiring, or constructing and equipping of distribution systems for such purposes, and for extensions and betterments thereof, and may levy and collect in accordance with the special benefits conferred thereon, special assessments and reassessments on property specially benefited thereby, for paying the cost and expense thereof, or any portions thereof, as herein provided, and issue local improvement bonds or warrants or both to be repaid wholly or in part by collection of local improvement assessments. Local utility districts: creation. purposes.

Acquisition of facilities.

Assessments based on special benefits.

Local improvement bonds or warrants.

[R.C.W. 54.16.120 was derived from Rem. Supp. 1945, § 11610, part (1st para. of subsection (1)).]

SEC. 2. Section 54.16.130 of the Revised Code of Washington, derived from section 6, chapter 1, of the Laws of 1931, is hereby amended to read as follows: Amendment.

The commission shall by resolution establish

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the method of procedure in all matters relating to local utility districts. A public utility district may determine by resolution what work shall be done or improvements made at the expense, in whole or in part, of the property specially benefited thereby; and adopt and provide the manner, machinery and proceedings in any way relating to the making and collecting of assessments therefor in pursuance thereof. Except as herein otherwise provided or as may hereafter be set forth by resolution, all matters and proceedings relating to the local utility district, the levying and collection of assessments, the issuance and redemption of local improvement warrants and bonds, and the enforcement of local assessment liens hereunder, shall be governed, as nearly as may be, by the laws relating to local improvements for cities of the first class:

Provided, That no protest against a local utility district improvement shall be received after twelve o'clock noon of the day set for hearing. The commission may determine to finance the project by bonds or warrants secured by assessments against the property within the local utility district: Or it may finance the project by revenue bonds, in which case no bonds or warrants shall be issued by the local utility district, but assessments shall be levied upon the taxable property therein on the basis of special benefits up to, but not exceeding the total cost of the improvement and in such cases the entire principal and interest of such assessments shall be paid into a revenue bond fund of the district, to be used for the sole purpose of the payment of revenue bonds.

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plicable.

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financed.

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bond fund.

[R.C.W. 54.16.130 was derived from Rem. Supp. 1945, § 11610, part (2nd para. of subsection (1)).]

[Remainder of Rem. Supp. 1945, § 11610 is codified elsewhere in R.C.W.]

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