

performance of his duties and his actual necessary travelling and other expenses in connection therewith, including all expenses in going to, attending, and returning from meetings of the commission: *Provided*, That such expenses shall not exceed fifteen dollars per diem exclusive of necessary travelling expenses, not to exceed eight cents per mile.

Limitation
on expenses.

The commission shall, on or before the last Monday of October in each odd-numbered year, make a full and complete report of the official business transacted by it, which report shall be published in pamphlet form.

Commission
report.

The commission shall maintain its office in the principal office of the department of game.

Passed the House March 7, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 353.

[H. B. 377.]

CITIES AND TOWNS—LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

AN ACT relating to local improvements by cities and towns; amending section 20, chapter 98, Laws of 1911 and section 1, chapter 275, Laws of 1927 and RCW 35.49.030 and 35.50.010; and adding a new section to chapter 35.50 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 35.50 RCW, a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Within fifteen days after any city or town has awarded a contract for the making of a local improvement, or within fifteen days after commencement of work on said improvement when the work is done by the city or town, the city or town awarding said contract shall cause to be filed with the officer authorized by law to collect the assessments for such improvement, the title of the improvement

Time
limitation.

Improvement
district infor-
mation filed.

and district number and a copy of the diagram or print showing the boundaries of the district and preliminary assessment roll or abstract of same showing thereon the lots, tracts and parcels of land that will be especially benefited thereby and the estimated cost and expense of such improvement to be borne by each lot, tract, or parcel of land. Such officer shall immediately post the proposed assessment roll upon his index of local improvement assessments against the properties affected by the local improvement.

Post assess-
ments.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 20, chapter 98, Laws of 1911 and section 1, chapter 275, Laws of 1927, (heretofore divided, combined, and codified as RCW 35.49.030 and 35.50.010) are amended to read as set forth in sections 3 and 4 of this act.

Enacted
without
amendment.

SEC. 3. (RCW 35.49.030) Every city and town shall prescribe by ordinance within what time assessments or installments thereof shall be paid, and shall provide for the payment and collection of interest thereon at a rate not to exceed eight percent per annum. Assessments or installments thereof, when delinquent, in addition to such interest, shall bear such penalty not less than five percent as shall be by general ordinance prescribed.

Assessment
lien.

SEC. 4. (RCW 35.50.010) The charge assessed upon the respective lots, tracts, or parcels of land and other property in the assessment roll confirmed by ordinance of the city or town council for the purpose of paying the cost and expense in whole or in part of any local improvement, shall be a lien upon the property assessed from the time the assessment roll is placed in the hands of the city or town treasurer for collection, but as between the grantor and grantee, or vendor and vendee of any real property, when there is no express agreement as to payment of the local improvement assessments against the real property, the lien of such assessment shall at-

tach thirty days after the filing of the diagram or print and the estimated cost and expense of such improvement to be borne by each lot, tract, or parcel of land, as provided in section 1 of this amendatory act. Interest and penalty shall be included in and shall be a part of the assessment lien.

The assessment lien shall be paramount and superior to any other lien or encumbrance theretofore or thereafter created except a lien for general taxes. Priority of
lien.

Passed the House February 15, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 354.

[Sub. H. B. 380.]

CITIES OF FIRST CLASS—MAYOR, LEGISLATIVE BODY.

AN ACT relating to the compensation and time to be devoted to the performance of the duties of the mayor and members of legislative bodies of first class cities.

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

SECTION 1. The compensation and the time to be devoted to the performance of the duties of the mayor and members of the legislative bodies of all cities of the first class shall be as fixed by ordinance of said city irrespective of any city charter provisions. Compensation
and duty
hours fixed by
ordinance.

Passed the House March 3, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.