CHAPTER CX.

[H. B. No. 414.]

RELATING TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

An Act providing for the assessment and collection of the cost of improving street intersections forming a part of any local improvement in any city of the first class, upon the property included in the district established for the payment of the cost of such local improvement, and declaring an emergency.

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

Cost of improvements to street intersections, how levied.

SECTION 1. That whenever any local improvement is hereafter ordered in any incorporated city of the first class in this state, the cost of which is payable in whole or in part by an assessment upon the property abutting or proximate thereto, a like proportion of the cost of that portion of said improvement included within the limits of any street intersection space or spaces, shall be included in the amount of total cost to be assessed and levied upon and collected from the property included within the local improvement district established for the purpose of providing for the cost of such local improvement. For the purposes of this act any improvement made, either upon or under the surface of any street, avenue, alley, square or other public place, the cost of which is payable, in whole or in part, by an assessment upon the property abutting or proximate thereto, shall be deemed to be a local improvement.

SEC. 2. Before exercising the powers granted by this act, or any of them, the legislative body of any incorporated city of the first class shall by general ordinance declare it to be the intention of said city to make improvements of the character herein described, or any of them, under the provisions hereof, and nothing herein shall be construed as repealing or modifying any existing manner and method for cities of the first class to make improvements as herein provided for, but shall be construed as an additional and concurrent power and authority: *Provided*, That all improvements of the character authorized in this act shall not be initiated or ordered by the legislative body of any city, except in accordance with the procedure required by the

charter of said city governing the initiation of local improvements in such city.

SEC. 3. An emergency exists, and this act shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER CXI.

[H. B. No. 503.]

RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

An Acr in relation to assessments for local improvements, providing for the enforcement thereof and the refunding of warrants issued therefor.

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

Section 1. Whenever any suit or action, or suits or city may actions, have been commenced by any city in this state, to consolidation foreclose or enforce or recover upon any assessment or of foreclosure. assessments made or levied or attempted to have been made or levied for any local improvement within such city, the city may petition the superior court of the county where such suits or actions are pending for an order consolidating all actions that have been instituted for the enforcement of the special assessment levied in the particular district, and for a summary hearing of the consolidated A copy of the petition shall be served upon proceeding. the parties who have appeared, or their attorneys.

SEC. 2. Upon the hearing of such petition the court Action to conshall make an order consolidating all suits or actions theretofore instituted for the foreclosure or enforcement of such assessments and shall further order that in all such suits where summons has not issued, or, if issued, has not been served, that summons forthwith issue and service thereof be made immediately in the manner provided by law, personally or by publication, and no failure to issue or serve