### CHAPTER 22.

[H. B. 137.]

#### TERMS OF OFFICE OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

An Act to amend section 7 of article XI. of the constitution of the State of Washington, relating to terms of office of county officers.

[This proposed amendment removes the restrictions against county officers, except treasurer, holding more than two terms.]

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

SECTION 1. That at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Mon- Amending day in November, 1912, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Washington a proposed amendment to section 7, article XI of the Constitution of the State of Washington, so that the same shall read, when so amended, as follows:

Section 7. No county treasurer shall be eligible to hold his office more than two terms in succession.

The secretary of state shall cause the amendment proposed in section one (1) of this act to be published for three months next preceding the said election therein described in some weekly newspaper in every county wherein a newspaper is published throughout the state.

Published three months.

SEC. 3. There shall be printed on all ballots provided for the said election the words "For the proposed amendment to section seven (7) of article eleven (XI) of the Constitution, removing the prohibition against county officers, except county treasurer, holding office for more than two terms"; "Against the proposed amendment to section seven (7) of article eleven of the Constitution, removing the prohibition against county officers, except county treasurer, holding office for more than two terms."

For and against

Sec. 4. If it shall appear from the ballots cast at the said election that a majority of the qualified electors voting upon the question of the adoption of the said amendment have voted in favor of the same, the governor shall lamation as make proclamation of the same in the manner provided by law and the said amendment shall be held to have been

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adopted and to have been a part of the Constitution from the time of such proclamation.

Passed by the House January 31, 1911.

Passed by the Senate February 16, 1911.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1911.

## CHAPTER 23.

[H. B. 165.]

# PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION, DEEPENING AND WIDENING PUBLIC WATERWAYS.

An Act to provide for the construction, deepening and widening of public waterways for the floatage of vessels and the drainage of swamps and overflowed lands, by assessment upon property benefited thereby; for the organization of waterway districts; for the exercise of the right of eminent domain in furtherance thereof; for the issuance of bonds to provide funds therefor pending the collection of assessments, and to provide for the care and control of such waterways; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Whenever in any county of this state the owners of lands bordering upon or accessible to any navigable water shall desire to improve their said lands, hereinafter designated as the "District," by the construction of a new public waterway, or the deepening or enlargement of an existing public waterway, for the floatage of vessels and the drainage of swamp and overflowed lands, and the proposed improvement will increase the public revenues and be of other public benefit, they may present the plan of such proposed waterway to the board of county commissioners of such county, hereinafter designated the "Board," and have the same acted upon as provided in this act.

Accessible lands.

SEC. 2. Lands shall be deemed accessible to such waterway when by reason of their nearness to the same their value will be materially increased by the construction or deepening or widening of such waterway.

County may improve public waterway district.