

engineer of recognized standing, shall hold a degree conferred by some college or university having recognized professional courses in engineering, and shall have practiced his profession for two years or longer, or, in case he does not hold such degree, shall have actually practiced engineering for at least five [five] years: *Provided*, That whenever by law the county engineer in any county, except Class A or first class counties, is required to act *ex-officio* as a member of any board, commission or other body, or is required to execute or certify any instrument in writing, such duties shall be performed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners.

*Ex officio* duties of engineer to be performed by chairman of board of county commissioners.

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CHAPTER 168.

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SUBWAYS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT authorizing cities of the first class in the State of Washington to construct, operate and maintain tunnels and/or subways and providing for the levy and collection of assessments upon property specially benefited thereby to pay therefor in whole or in part.

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

SECTION 1. Any city of the first class shall have power to provide for the construction, maintenance and operation within such city of tunnels and/or subways with or without roadways, sidewalks, street railway tracks or any combination thereof therein, together with all necessary approaches thereto; and to order any and all work to be done which shall be necessary to complete any such improvement. The word "approaches," as used in this section, shall include any arterial highway or highways or streets connecting with any such tunnel and/or subway

Cities of first class authorized to construct and maintain tunnels or subways.

"Approaches" defined.

which may be necessary to give convenient access thereto or therefrom from any portion of the improvement district which may be specially benefited by such improvement, and which is liable to assessment for such improvement.

Improvement district established by ordinance.

All property specially benefited included in district.

Initiating improvements and levy of assessments: Procedure prescribed.

Collection of assessments and issuance of bonds.

Act cumulative of existing laws.

No existing law repealed.

May proceed under this or other existing laws.

Whenever it is desired to pay the whole or any portion of the cost and expense of any such improvement by special assessments, the council or other legislative body of such city shall, in the ordinance ordering such improvement, fix and establish the boundaries of the improvement district, the property in which is to bear such assessment, which district shall include as near as may be all the property specially benefited by such improvement.

SEC. 2. Any such improvement may be initiated and assessments therefor determined and levied as prescribed in Sections 9002, 9003 and 9004 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

SEC. 3. Any assessments so levied shall be collected, and bonds may be issued for the payment of the whole or any part of the cost of such improvement, in the manner now or hereafter provided for the collection of assessments and the issuance of bonds for other local improvements.

SEC. 4. The provisions and remedies provided by this act are and shall be cumulative of existing provisions and remedies, and nothing in this act contained shall be held to repeal any provision of the existing law or of any charter of any city upon the subject matter thereof, but such existing law or charter provision shall continue in full force and effect, and it shall be optional with the city authorities to proceed under either such existing law, charter provision or this act.

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