

all the purposes of this act and may be consolidated under the terms hereof, and upon such consolidation any such intervening water, tide or shore lands shall become part of the consolidated city.

SEC. 2. That chapter 145 of the Laws of 1903, pages 279-282, and chapter 237 of the Laws of 1907, pages 595-599, (sections 8909-8913, both inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes; section 647 of Pierce's 1919 Code) are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That the repeal of said acts or either of them shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any act done or proceeding pending under said acts or either of them at the time of the taking effect of this act but the same shall continue under the provisions of this act as though said acts had not been repealed.

Statutes  
repealed.

Saving  
clause.

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## CHAPTER 168.

[H. B. 103.]

### BUDGET SYSTEM FOR CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT relating to the raising and expenditure of revenues by cities of the first class in the State of Washington, having a population of three hundred thousand or more, prescribing the manner of preparation, appropriation and administration of municipal budgets and emergency expenditures, limiting the expenditures of revenues and providing penalties for violations thereof, and amending Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 125, of Laws of Extraordinary Session, 1925.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7, of chapter 125 of the Laws of Extraordinary Session 1925 be amended to read as follows:

§ 7 ch. 125  
L. Ex. Sess.  
1925.

Section 7. Upon the happening of any emergency caused by fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake,

Enumeration  
of emergen-  
cies.

epidemic, riot or insurrection, act of God or the public enemy, or for the immediate preservation of order or public health or for the restoration to a condition of usefulness of any public property the usefulness of which has been destroyed by accident, or in settlement of approved claims for personal injuries or property damages, exclusive of claims arising from the operation of any public utility owned by the city, or any other such happening that could not have been anticipated, or to meet mandatory expenditures required by laws enacted since the last budget was adopted, the council may by ordinance passed by three-fourths of all its members, authorize the expenditure of sufficient money from the emergency fund hereinafter established to meet the expenses or obligations so caused or imposed: *Provided further*, The Council may, by ordinance passed by unanimous vote of all its members, appropriate from such emergency fund, an amount sufficient to meet the actual necessary expenditures of any department for which insufficient or no appropriations have been made due to causes which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of making of the budget. All such ordinances shall clearly state the facts constituting such emergency and shall become effective immediately upon the approval or signing of same by the mayor, or the passage of the same over the mayor's veto as provided by the charter of any such city.

Appropriation  
from  
emergency  
fund.

Emergency  
fund: how  
supported.

There is hereby established in every city an Emergency Fund, which shall be supported either by an appropriation, listed in the budget for the ensuing year, or by a transfer from time to time of sufficient money from the general fund, or any other fund not including bond or trust funds, of the city, whenever the necessity for emergency expenditures arises. Any deficit in the general fund, or any other

fund, created by such transfer, shall be provided for in the next succeeding tax levy.

All emergency expenditures shall be paid for by the issuance of warrants chargeable against this fund, and no money accruing or transferred to this fund shall be withdrawn therefrom for any purpose or in any manner, except as herein provided.

Emergency warrants.

SEC. 2. That section 8, of chapter 125 of Laws of Extraordinary Session 1925 be amended to read as follows:

§ 8 ch. 125  
L. Ex. Sess.  
1925.

Section 8. All sums provided in the budget for operating and maintenance expenses of any department or activity, other than Municipal Utility Departments, which shall remain unexpended or unencumbered at the close of the fiscal year except such sums as the council, by ordinance, shall designate, shall automatically revert to the surplus account of the city, and shall be applied to the reduction of the tax levy of the following year.

Unexpended appropriations.

Any and all sums, provided in the budget for capital or betterment outlays of any department, other than Municipal Utility Departments, which shall remain unexpended or unencumbered at the close of the year, shall be reported at the beginning of the following year by the auditor to the council, which shall by proper ordinance, abandon such unexpended balances as it shall determine, and such unexpended balances shall be credited to the surplus account and applied to the reduction of the tax levy of the following year. The appropriations for all other capital or betterment outlays than those abandoned by said ordinance shall be carried forward and unless subsequently abandoned by the council, shall remain in full force and effect and shall be held available for the said items.

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Approved by the Governor February 23, 1927.