

CHAPTER 152.

[ S. B. 356. ]

COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS—LIGHTING SYSTEMS—MAINTENANCE—ROAD FUND.

AN ACT relating to the establishment of county road improvement districts; providing for street lighting systems; amending sections 36.88.340 and 36.88.350, RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.88, RCW.

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

New section. SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 36.88, RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Authority to create county road improvement districts. All counties shall have the power to create county road improvement districts for the construction, installation, improvement, operation and maintenance of street and road lighting systems for any county roads, and subject to the approval of the state highway commission, state highways, and said counties shall have the power to levy and collect special assessments against the real property specially benefited thereby for the purpose of paying the whole or any part of the cost of such construction, installation or improvement together with the expense of furnishing electric energy, maintenance and operation: *Provided*, That no road improvement district shall be created for such purpose under this chapter unless the property within the proposed district shall be so developed by the construction of permanent urban improvements that the average number of dwelling units or units of business occupancy per one thousand feet of property fronting upon the roads within the area to be so improved shall be at least six.

Amendment. SEC. 2. Section 36.88.340, RCW, as derived from section 34, chapter 192, Laws of 1951, is amended to read as follows:

Except as they may establish continuing guaranty fund requirements, the board of county commis-

sioners shall be the sole judges as to the extent of county road fund participation in any project under this chapter and the decisions of the board shall be final; the said board may receive grants from or contract with any other county, municipal corporation, public agency or the state or federal government in order to effect any construction or improvement hereunder, including the construction, installation, improvement, operation, maintenance of and furnishing electric energy for any street and road lighting system, and to effect the construction, installation, improvement, operation and maintenance of and furnishing electric energy for any such street and road lighting system, may contract with any private utility corporation.

County road fund participation; decisions of board final.

Receipt of grants; contracts.

SEC. 3. Section 36.88.350, RCW, as derived from section 35, chapter 192, Laws of 1951, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

After the completion of any construction or improvement under this chapter, all maintenance thereof shall be performed by the county at the expense of the county road fund, excepting furnishing electric energy for and operating and maintaining street and road lighting systems.

Maintenance at county expense.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1953.

Passed the House March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.