

SEC. 10. Within twenty days after the judgment awarding damages the petitioner or petitioners shall pay into court the amount of the award of damages, together with the costs as aforesaid, and upon such payment judgment of appropriation shall be made establishing the road. Damages,
payment of.

SEC. 11. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

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CHAPTER XCIII.

[H. B. No. 494.]

REDUCING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE.

AN ACT to provide for reducing and lessening the corporate limits of any city, town or village in this state, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That the boundaries of any municipal corporation may be altered and a portion of the territory thereof excluded therefrom after proceedings had as required in this act. Upon receiving a petition therefor, signed by not less than one-fifth of the qualified electors thereof, as shown by the votes cast at the last municipal election held therein, praying the city council or other legislative body to submit to the qualified electors of said corporation the proposition to change and alter the corporate limits of said city, town or village, and to exclude a portion of the territory therefrom, setting out and describing the territory to be excluded therefrom, together with the boundaries of the said corporation as it will exist after such change is made, the city council or other legislative body of said corporation shall submit to the electors of said cor- Limits circum-
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poration the question whether such territory shall be excluded from said corporation and be no longer a part thereof. Such question shall be submitted at a special election to be held for that purpose, and said legislative body shall give notice thereof by publication for at least four weeks prior to said election, in some newspaper printed and published in said corporation. Such notice shall distinctly state the proposition to be submitted, and shall designate specifically the territory so proposed to be excluded, and the boundary of said corporation after said alterations of its boundaries and the exclusion of the portion of the territory therefrom; and the electors shall be invited thereby to vote upon such proposition by placing upon their ballots the words "for reduction of corporate limits," and "against reduction of corporate limits," or words equal thereto; said legislative body shall also bound and designate in such notice the names of the officers of election and the place or places at which the polls will be opened for said election. Said legislative body shall meet on the Monday next succeeding such election and proceed to canvass the votes cast thereat. The votes cast in said corporation shall be canvassed, and if it shall appear upon said canvass that three-fifths of the electors voting at said election shall be for the reduction of the territory, said legislative body shall, by an order entered upon their minutes, cause their clerk, or other officer performing the duties of clerk, to make and transmit to the secretary of state a certified abstract of said vote, which abstract shall show the whole number of electors voting in said corporation, the number of votes cast for the reduction of territory, and the number of votes cast against the reduction of territory.

SEC. 2. The city council or other legislative body of said corporation shall, immediately after said abstract of votes has been filed with the secretary of state, cause to be introduced and passed an ordinance defining and fixing the corporate limits of said corporation as set out and defined in the petition and notice of election, as referred to in section one of this act, and setting forth by metes and bounds or by legal subdivisions the territory excluded from said cor-

poration, and declaring such territory no longer a part of said corporation.

SEC. 3. That immediately after the passage, approval ^{Plat.} and publication of said ordinance, a copy thereof, duly certified by the clerk of said corporation or other officer performing the duties of clerk, together with a map and plat showing the corporate limits of said corporation as altered and changed, shall be filed and recorded in the office of the county auditor in the county in which said municipal corporation is situate. Thereafter the boundary of said corporation shall be as set forth in said ordinance.

SEC. 4. No election provided for in this act shall be held <sup>Election,
date of.</sup> within ninety days next preceding any general election held under the laws of the State of Washington, or of any general municipal election held under said laws or the ordinances of the corporation: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to exempt any real property segregated by the provisions of this act from taxation for the purpose of paying any outstanding bonded or other indebtedness of any such city, and the interest of any such indebtedness.

SEC. 5. There being no law or provision for the reduction of the corporate limits of municipal corporations in this state, an emergency is declared: therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

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