

Emergency.

SEC. 3. That an emergency exists making the provisions of this act necessary for the immediate support of state government and its existing institutions and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate December 2, 1925.

Passed the House January 4, 1926.

Approved by the Governor January 18, 1926.

CHAPTER 167.

[S. B. 109.]

COUNTY ENGINEER.

AN ACT relating to certain county officers in certain counties, defining their powers and duties, abolishing the elective office of county engineer and vesting the powers and duties of that office in the board of county commissioners.

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

Elective office of county engineer abolished.

Class A and first class counties excepted.

Powers and duties to be exercised and performed by county commissioners.

County commissioners may employ engineers.

Qualifications required of engineer.

SECTION 1. From and after the second Monday in January, 1927, the elective office of county engineer shall be abolished, except in class A counties and counties of the first class, and no county engineer shall be elected in any county, other than class A and first class counties, at the general county election in November, 1926. From and after the second Monday in January, 1927, boards of county commissioners in all counties, except in Class A and first class counties, shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now vested in and required to be performed by the county engineer; and whenever necessary to the performance of any powers and duties herein vested in the board of county commissioners, such board shall have the power to employ such assistants and engineers as are necessary and to fix their compensation, but no engineer shall be employed unless he shall have special qualifications in the matter of road building, shall be a civil

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.

Passed the Senate December 18, 1925.

Passed the House January 6, 1926.

Approved by the Governor January 16, 1926.

## CHAPTER 168.

[S. B. 100.]

### 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.