

CHAPTER XLVII.

[H. B. No. 201.]

EXTENDING RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ELECTRIC
POWER COMPANIES.

AN ACT to extend the right of eminent domain to electric power companies, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The right of eminent domain is hereby extended to all corporations incorporated or that may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this state or any state or territory of the United States, and doing business in this state, for the purpose of transmitting electric power by wire, cable or by any other means: *Provided, however,* That said right of eminent domain shall not be exercised in respect to any residence or business structure or structures.

SEC. 2. Every corporation incorporated or that may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this state or any state or territory of the United States, and doing business in this state, for the purpose of transmitting electric power by wire, cable or any other means, shall have the right to enter upon any land between the termini of the proposed lines for the purpose of examining, locating and surveying such lines, doing no unnecessary damage thereby.

SEC. 3. Every such corporation shall have the right, subject to the proviso contained in section one hereof, to appropriate real estate or other property for right-of-way or for any corporate purposes in the same manner and under the same procedure as now is or may be hereafter provided by the law in the case of other corporations authorized by the laws of this state to exercise the right of eminent domain.

SEC. 4. Whereas, there is at present no law upon the subject of this act, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Passed the house February 19, 1895.

Passed the senate March 7, 1895.

Approved March 11, 1895.