

CHAPTER 26.

[ H. B. 31. ]

SEWER DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to sewer districts; granting such districts authority to incur indebtedness, issue general obligation bonds, and levy taxes for the payment thereof in excess of the forty-mill tax limitation, providing the terms and provisions of such bonds, regulating annexations elections by such districts, amending sections 56.16.010, 56.16.030, 56.16.040 and 56.24.010, R.C.W., repealing sections 56.16.120 and 56.16.125, R.C.W., and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.16.010, R.C.W., as derived from section 14, chapter 210, Laws of 1941, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

The sewer commissioners may submit at the same election at which the proposition to adopt the comprehensive plan or scheme is submitted, or at any general or special election, a proposition that said sewer district incur a general indebtedness payable from annual tax levies to be made in excess of the forty-mill tax limitation for the construction of any part or all of said comprehensive plan. Such proposition to incur indebtedness shall be submitted so as to enable the voters to vote for or against the same, independent of any vote on the proposition to adopt the comprehensive plan or scheme. If such general indebtedness is to be incurred, the amount of such indebtedness and the terms thereof shall be included in the proposition submitted to the qualified voters as aforesaid, and such proposition, to be effective, shall be adopted and assented to by three-fifths of the qualified voters of the said sewer district voting on said proposition at said election, at which such election the total number of persons voting shall constitute not less than forty per cent of the voters in said sewer Comprehensive plan  
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district who voted at the last preceding general state election.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1941, § 9425-23.]

Amendment. SEC. 2. Section 56.16.030, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1951, is amended to read as follows:

Plan for additions and betterments.

In the same manner as herein provided for the adoption and ratification of the original comprehensive scheme, and after the adoption of the original comprehensive scheme, a plan providing for additions and betterments to the original comprehensive scheme, or reorganized district, may be adopted and ratified. The sewer district may incur a general indebtedness payable from annual tax levies to be made in excess of the forty-mill tax limitation for the construction of the additions and betterments in the same way the general indebtedness may be incurred for the construction of the original comprehensive scheme after submission to the voters of the entire district in the manner the original proposition to incur indebtedness may be submitted. Upon ratification the additions and betterments may be carried out by the sewer commissioners to the extent specified in the proposition to incur such general indebtedness. The sewer district may issue revenue bonds to pay for the construction of the additions and betterments in the same way revenue bonds may be issued for payment of the construction of the original comprehensive plan or any portion thereof.

General indebtedness for additions and betterments.

Revenue bonds for additions and betterments.

[Formerly Rem. Supp. 1945, § 9425-26.]

Amendment. SEC. 3. Section 56.16.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 12, chapter 140, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

Whenever the qualified voters of any such sewer district shall hereafter adopt a proposition for a sewer system as herein provided, or any additions and betterments thereto, or whenever the qualified

voters of any reorganized sewer district shall hereafter adopt a proposition for any additions or betterments thereto, and shall hereafter authorize a general indebtedness for all the said proposition, or any part thereof, or any additions and betterments thereto or for refunding in whole or in part bonds theretofore issued, general obligation bonds for the payment thereof may be issued as hereinafter provided. The said bonds shall be serial in form and maturity and numbered from one up consecutively. The said bonds shall bear interest not to exceed six per cent *per annum*, payable semiannually from date of said bonds until principal thereof is paid, with interest coupons, evidencing such interest to maturity, attached. The various annual maturities shall commence with the second year after the date of issue of said bonds, and shall as nearly as practicable be in such amounts as will, together with the interest on all outstanding bonds, be met by an equal annual tax levy for the payment of said bonds and interest: *Provided*, That only the bond numbered one of any issue shall be of a denomination other than a multiple of one hundred dollars.

General obligation bonds; issuance, form, interest and maturity.

Bonds issued under this act shall never be issued to run for a longer period than thirty years from the date of the issue and shall as nearly as practicable be issued for a period which will be equivalent to the life of the improvement to be acquired by the issue of the bonds.

The bonds shall be signed by the presiding officer of the board of sewer commissioners and shall be attested by the secretary of the said board under the seal of the sewer district, and the interest coupons shall be signed by the facsimile signature of the presiding officer of the board of sewer commissioners and shall be attested by the facsimile signature of the secretary of the board of sewer commissioners.

Same; signatures.

There shall be levied by the officers or governing body now or hereafter charged by law with the duty

Same; levy for retirement and interest.

of levying taxes in the manner provided by law an annual levy in excess of the forty-mill tax limitation sufficient to meet the annual or semiannual payments of principal and interest on the said bonds maturing as herein provided upon all taxable property within such sewer district.

Same; sale.

Said bonds shall be sold in such manner as the sewer commissioners shall deem for the best interest of the sewer district, and at a price not less than par and accrued interest.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 9425-27.]

Amendment.

SEC. 4. Section 56.24.010, R.C.W., as derived from section 13, chapter 140, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

Annexation of territory.

The territory adjoining or in close proximity to and in the same county with a sewer district, may be annexed to the district. It may either comprise or include the area of one or more other sewer districts. To effect the annexation, twenty per cent of the number of registered voters residing in the territory who voted at the last election may petition the commissioners of the district and cause the question to be submitted to the electors of the area whether it shall be annexed to the district.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 9425-43.]

SEC. 5. Sections 56.16.120 and 56.16.125, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 236, Laws of 1943 [1947], as amended by section 3, chapter 107, Laws of 1951, and section 3, chapter 6, Laws First Extraordinary Session 1951, are hereby repealed.

[R.C.W. 56.16.120 was formerly Rem. Supp. 1947, § 9425-50.]

Emergency.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House August 31, 1951.

Passed the Senate September 1, 1951.

Approved by the Governor September 10, 1951.