

state agencies, may employ personnel, or may contract for the services of any person, firm or corporation. In selecting the location and plans for the construction of the parking facilities the committee shall consider recommendations of the director of general administration.

Space in parking facilities may be rented to the officers and employees of the state on a monthly basis at a rental to be determined by the director of general administration. The state shall not sell gasoline, oil, or any other commodities or perform any services for any vehicles or equipment other than state equipment. The director of general administration shall include in his biennial report a comprehensive statement on such parking facilities, their location and charges together with any recommendations he may have.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1965.

Passed the House March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 130.

[Senate Bill No. 454.]

CITIES AND TOWNS—ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS AND SYSTEMS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; amending section 35.92.220, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.92.220; amending section 35.92.230, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.92.230; amending section 35.92.260, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.92.260; and adding new sections to chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and to chapter 35.92 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35.92.220, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.92.220 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.92.220
amended.

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Acquisition of water rights.

A city or town, situated within or served by, an irrigation project, or projects, owned or operated by the United States government, a water users' association, associations, corporation, or corporations or another city or town or towns, where the legislative authority deems it feasible to furnish water for irrigation and domestic purposes, or either, and where the water used for irrigation and domestic purposes or either, is appurtenant or may become appurtenant to the land located within such city or town, may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire water or water rights for the purpose of furnishing the city or town and the inhabitants thereof with a supply of water for irrigation and domestic purposes, or either; purchase, construct or otherwise acquire systems and means of distribution and delivery of water within and without the limits of the city or town, or for the delivery of water where the owner of land within the city or town owns a water right appurtenant to his land, with full power to maintain, repair, reconstruct, regulate, and control the same, and if private property is necessary for such purposes, the city or town may condemn and purchase or purchase and acquire property, enter into any contract, and order any and all work to be done which shall be necessary to carry out such purposes, and it may do so either by the entire city or town or by assessment districts, consisting of the whole or any portion thereof, as the legislative authority of the city or town may determine.

RCW 35.92.230 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 35.92.230, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.92.230 are each amended to read as follows:

Special assessments.

For the purpose of paying for a water right purchased by the city or town from the United States government where the purchase price has not been fully paid; paying annual maintenance or annual rental charge to the United States government or any

corporation or individual furnishing the water for irrigation and domestic purposes, or either; paying assessments made by any water users' association; paying the cost of constructing or acquiring any system or means of distribution or delivery of water for said purposes; and for the upkeep, repair, reconstruction, operation, and maintenance thereof; and for any expense incidental to said purposes, the city or town may levy and collect special assessments against the property within any district created pursuant to RCW 35.92.220 as now or hereafter amended, to pay the whole or any part of any such costs and expenses.

SEC. 3. Section 35.92.260, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.92.260 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.92.260
amended.

When a city or town makes local improvements for any of the purposes specified in RCW 35.92.220 and RCW 35.92.230, as now or hereafter amended, the proceedings relative to the creation of districts, financing of improvements, levying and collecting assessments and all other procedure shall be had, and the legislative authority shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the laws relating to local improvement districts in cities of the first class: *Provided*, That when the improvement is initiated upon petition, the petition shall set forth the fact that the signers are the owners according to the records in the office of the county auditor, of property to an aggregate amount of a majority of the surface area within the limits of the assessment district to be created: *Provided further*, That when an assessment is made for any purpose other than the construction or reconstruction of any system or means of distribution or delivery of water, it shall not be necessary for the legislative authority to be furnished with a statement of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real estate exclusive of improvements in the district according to the valuation last placed upon it for pur-

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poses of general taxation, or the estimated amount of the cost of the improvement to be borne by each tract of land or other property, but a statement by the engineer or other officer, showing the estimated cost of the improvement per square foot, shall be sufficient: *Provided further*, That when the legislative authority of a city or town shall deem it necessary to levy special assessments for the purposes specified in RCW 35.92.230, as now or hereafter amended, other than for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing or reconstructing any system or means of distribution or delivery of water for irrigation or domestic purposes, the legislative authority for such city or town may hold a single hearing on the assessment rolls for all irrigation local improvement districts within the city or town. Such legislative authority shall fix the date of such hearing and shall direct the city or town clerk to give notice thereof, in the form prescribed by RCW 35.44.080, by publication thereof in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city or town, once, not less than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for hearing; and by mailing, not less than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for hearing, notice thereof to the owner or reputed owner of each item of property described on the assessment roll whose name appears on such roll at the address of such owner or reputed owner shown on the tax rolls of the county treasurer for each such item of property: *Provided further*, That when an assessment roll is once prepared and does not include the cost of purchase, construction, or reconstruction of works of delivery or distribution and the legislative authority of such city or town decides to raise a similar amount the ensuing year, it shall not be necessary to prepare a new assessment roll, but the legislative authority may pass a resolution of intention estimating the cost for the ensuing year to be the same as the preceding year, and directing the clerk to give notice

stating the estimated cost per square foot of all land within the district and refer persons interested to the books of the treasurer, and fixing the date for a hearing on such assessment roll. Notice of such hearing shall be given by the city or town clerk in the form and manner required in the preceding proviso. The treasurer shall be present at the hearing and shall note any changes on his books. The legislative authority shall have the same right to make changes in the assessment roll as in an original assessment, and after all changes have been made it shall, by ordinance, confirm the assessment and direct the treasurer to extend it on the books of his office.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and to chapter 35.92 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Whenever the public interest, welfare, convenience and necessity require that a city or town acquire water rights for the purposes set forth in RCW 35.92.220, as now or hereafter amended, and that such water rights be acquired through the purchases of shares in a water users' association or corporation, such city or town shall have full authority and power to acquire, or to hold in trust, such shares as shall be necessary for said purposes. Acquisition through purchase of shares authorized.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and to chapter 35.92 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Each and all of the respective areas of land heretofore organized into local improvement assessment districts for irrigation or domestic water supply purposes including all areas annexed thereto, under the provisions of chapter 112, Laws of 1915, codified as RCW 35.92.220-260, whether organized by or within a city or town other than a city of the first class or by or within a city of the first class, are hereby validated and declared to be duly existing local improve- Validation of existing districts, their obligations and acts.

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ment districts having the respective boundaries set forth in their organization or annexation proceedings as shown by the files in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which formed. All debts, contracts and obligations heretofore made or incurred by or in favor of any such local improvement district and any and all assessments or levies and all other things and proceedings done or taken by the city or town within, and by which such districts were organized, under or in pursuance of such organization, and under or in pursuance of the levy and collection of special assessments by the city or town to pay the whole or any part of the cost and expense or upkeep, repair, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of such local improvement districts and any expense incident to said purposes are hereby declared legal and valid and in full force and effect.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1965.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 131.

[Senate Bill No. 48.]

DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS—STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.

AN ACT relating to the uniform declaratory judgments act; and adding a new section to chapter 113, Laws of 1935 and to chapter 7.24 RCW.

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

New section. SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 113, Laws of 1935 and to chapter 7.24 a new section to read as follows:

Uniform declaratory judgments act. The court, in its discretion and upon such conditions and with or without such bond or other security as it deems necessary and proper, may stay any rul-