

SEC. 2. Such special deputy shall receive as his compensation one-half of all fines recovered upon prosecution procured by him for violation of the fish laws of this state, and shall receive no other compensation.

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CHAPTER LXXIX.

[H. B. No. 208.]

AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO VALIDATE CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

AN ACT to enable counties to validate certain indebtedness attempted to be incurred on the part of such counties by the corporate authorities thereof in excess of their legal authority, and declaring an emergency to exist.

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

SECTION 1. Any county in this state may ratify, in the manner prescribed in this act, the attempted incurring of any indebtedness of such county by the issuing of warrants, making of contracts or creation of other evidences of indebtedness on the part of such county by the board of county commissioners or other officers of such county at any time prior to the time when this act shall take effect, when the only ground of the invalidity of such indebtedness so to be ratified is that, at the time of such attempted incurring thereof, the same, together with all other then existing indebtedness of such county, exceeded one and one-half per centum of the taxable property in such county, ascertained by the last assessment for state and county purposes previous to the attempted incurring of such indebtedness, and that such indebtedness was so attempted to be incurred without the assent of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose.

SEC. 2. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any such county shall deem it advisable that the ratification authorized by this act shall be obtained, they shall

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provide therefor by resolution, which shall specify separately the amounts of each distinct class of such indebtedness proposed to be ratified, with the date of the attempted incurring thereof, or, if any such class shall be composed of more than one item, the dates between which the different items were attempted to be incurred, and the general nature of the indebtedness comprised in each such class, or the general purpose for which it was attempted to be incurred, and which resolution shall provide for the holding of an election for the purpose of submitting the question of validating the incurring of such indebtedness to the voters of such county for approval or disapproval, and shall provide for giving notice of such election by publishing notice thereof, and designate a newspaper of general circulation in such county in which such notice shall be published at least four times, the first publication to be made at least thirty days prior to the day fixed for the holding of such election; and an election for that purpose shall be held pursuant to such resolution, at the time therein fixed for the same. Each distinct class of indebtedness so specified shall be the subject of a distinct vote in favor of or against the ratification thereof, and such vote shall designate the class of indebtedness referred to by the description thereof used and the amount specified in the resolution.

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SEC. 3. If at any election held as provided for in section two of this act three-fifths of the voters in such county voting at such election shall vote in favor of the ratification of any distinct class of such indebtedness, specified in the resolution providing for such election, then such indebtedness so ratified shall thereby become and is hereby declared to be validated and a binding obligation upon such county, when the only ground of the previous invalidity of such indebtedness so ratified is that at the time of the attempted incurring thereof the same, together with all other then existing indebtedness of such county, exceeded one and one-half per centum of the taxable property in such county, ascertained by the last previous assessment for county purposes, and that such indebtedness was so attempted to be incurred without the assent of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose: *Pro-*

vided, That it shall not be lawful so to ratify or validate the attempted incurring of any indebtedness, which, at the time of the attempted incurring thereof, was in excess of five per centum of the last assessed valuation for state and county purposes previous to the attempted incurring thereof.

SEC. 4. Inasmuch as there is no statute of this state enabling counties therein to validate indebtedness attempted to be incurred on the part of such counties by the board of county commissioners or other officers thereof, in excess of their legal authority, and inasmuch as such legal authority has been so exceeded in good faith in sundry counties in this state, an emergency exists for the immediate operation of this act: therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor. Emergency.

Approved March 9, 1893.

CHAPTER LXXX.

[H. B. No. 347.]

LEGALIZING THE INCORPORATION OR RE-INCORPORATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT to legalize and validate the incorporation or re-incorporation of towns and cities incorporated or re-incorporated under an act approved March 24, 1890, entitled "An act providing for the organization, classification, incorporation and government of municipal corporations, and declaring an emergency," and to legalize and validate existing contracts and obligations of such towns and cities.

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

SECTION 1. The incorporation of all cities and towns in this state heretofore had or attempted under sections one, two and three of an act entitled "An act providing for the organization, classification, incorporation and government of municipal corporations, and declaring an emergency," approved March 24, 1890, and the re-incorporation of all cities and towns in this state heretofore had or attempted