

## CHAPTER 10.

[S. B. 52.]

## VALIDATING ORGANIZATION AND CREATION OF COMMERCIAL WATERWAYS.

AN ACT to legalize and validate the organization, establishment and creation of commercial waterway districts organized, or established, or created, or attempted to be organized or established or created under an act approved August 17th, 1909, entitled "An act relating to the establishment and creation of commercial waterway districts, and the construction and maintenance of a system of commercial waterways, including the straightening, deepening and widening of rivers, watercourses and streams and the protection of the banks thereof, and disposing of the interests of the state in the beds and shores of navigable waters, and to provide for the means of payment thereof, and declaring an emergency," and to legalize and validate existing contracts and obligations of such districts and bonds and other obligations executed or incurred in connection with or in pursuance of such attempted organization or establishment, and declaring an emergency.

[The act of 1909, §§ 8166-8212, Rem.-Bal., held void in State ex rel. Bussell v. Abraham et al., decided Jan. 12, 1911. This is intended as a validating act.]

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

SECTION 1. The organization, establishment and creation of all commercial waterway districts in this state heretofore had, or made, or attempted under the provisions of chapter 8 of the Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1909, approved August 17th, 1909, entitled "An act relating to the establishment and creation of commercial waterway districts, and the construction and maintenance of a system of commercial waterways, including the straightening, deepening and widening of rivers, watercourses and streams and the protection of the banks thereof, and disposing of the interests of the state in the beds and shores of navigable waters, and to provide for the means of payment thereof, and declaring an emergency," under which attempted organization, establishment or creation, an organized district has been maintained since the date of such attempted organization, establishment or creation is hereby for all purposes declared legal and valid, and such commercial waterway districts are hereby declared duly or-

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ganized, established and created. And all debts, contracts and obligations heretofore made or incurred by or in favor of any such commercial waterway district so attempted to be organized, established and created, and all official bonds or other obligations executed in connection with or in pursuance of such attempted organization, are hereby declared legal and valid and of full force and effect: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to legalize or validate any attempted assessment or condemnation which may have been had or initiated by such district prior to the passage of this act.

Declared  
legal.

SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate January 30, 1911.

Passed the House February 2, 1911.

Approved by the Governor February 8, 1911.

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## CHAPTER 11.

[S. B. 77.]

### RELATING TO COMMERCIAL WATERWAY DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to all commercial waterway districts, providing for their establishment, organization and creation, prescribing the powers, duties and authority of all commercial waterway districts, whether organized or validated under this act or organized or validated by virtue of any other act, authorizing all steps and proceedings or organizations which may have been had or taken under the commercial waterway act of 1909 approved August 17, 1909, to be continued and carried out under the provisions hereof, providing for the construction and maintenance of and means of payment for a system of commercial waterways, including the straightening, deepening and widening of rivers, water courses and streams, providing for the protection of the banks thereof, and disposing of the interests of the state in the beds and shores of navigable waters, authorizing municipal corporations to advance funds in aid of commercial waterway districts, validating and legalizing the organization and establishment of commercial waterway districts organized or established, or attempted to be organized or established under the act of the legislature ap-

[This act is supplemental to chap. 10 *supra*, and is intended to cover defects in Act of Aug. 17, 1909, §§8166-8212, Rem.-Bal., as found in State ex rel. Bussell v. Abraham et al., decided Jan. 12, 1911.]