

CHAPTER 238.

[H. B. 464.]

PIPES AND CONDUITS FOR CONDUCTING WATER ALONG
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT authorizing county commissioners to grant to persons, companies or corporations the right to lay down, maintain and operate in, along and upon any and all of the public highways within their respective counties in the state of Washington, pipes and conduits for the purpose of conducting water therein.

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

County
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may grant.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the several counties in this State may grant to persons, companies or corporations the right to lay down, maintain and operate in, along and upon any and all of the streets, alleys, public places and public highways within their respective counties, without the limits of incorporated cities and towns, pipes and conduits for the purpose of conducting water and maintaining and operating water systems for public or private purposes, under such regulations and conditions as such county commissioners may prescribe: *Provided*, That no such grant or franchise shall be made for a period exceeding twenty-five years, and in all cases shall contain a provision that in the event the territory covered by the grant shall at any time during the franchise period be included within any incorporated city or town the authorities of said city or town shall have the right, to be exercised in their discretion, to acquire by purchase or condemnation any or all of such pipes, conduits and water systems at a price to be based upon the reasonable value of same at that time without any additional value for the franchise, or any unexpired period thereof, and upon such acquirement the said grant or franchise shall immediately terminate.

Limit of
grant.

City may
purchase
system,
when.

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