

in cities having a population of less than fifty thousand inhabitants.

SEC. 2. That the boards of county commissioners of the counties in which are located cities having a population of two hundred and twenty-five thousand or more are hereby authorized to pay to the justices of the peace in such cities, such compensation in addition to that now provided by law as such boards of county commissioners may deem fit and proper, such additional compensation not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) per annum.

Increase of compensation in cities of 225,000 population.

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CHAPTER 111.

[S. B. 357.]

VALIDATING OPERATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC RAILWAYS ACQUIRED BY GIFT.

AN ACT relating to betterments and operation of utilities acquired by gift by cities of the first class and validating all acts and things done by such cities with respect thereto.

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

SECTION 1. All acts and things of any city of the first class heretofore done or performed by the legislative authority thereof in any way relating to, or in the acquisition by gift, or in the operation of, any electric railway partly within and partly without the corporate limits of said city for the transportation of freight and passengers, are in all respects hereby cured, validated, ratified and confirmed and declared legal and valid and such cities are hereby authorized and empowered to maintain, conduct and operate such railways so acquired by gift.

Municipal railways beyond corporate limits.

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