

CHAPTER 54.

[S. H. B. 83.]

VALIDATION OF INDEBTEDNESS OF SIXTH CLASS
COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to the validation of certain warrants and other evidences of indebtedness on the part of counties of the sixth class, issued in excess of legal authority, and providing for the funding of such indebtedness.

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

SECTION 1. Any county of the sixth class may, in the manner prescribed by this act, ratify the attempted incurring of any indebtedness by such county, by the issuing of warrants, making of contracts, or creating of other evidences of indebtedness on the part of such county, when the only ground of invalidity of such indebtedness to be so ratified is that, at the time of the attempted incurring thereof, the same, together with other existing indebtedness of such county within the one and one-half per cent limitation on county indebtedness exceeded such limitation as ascertained by the last assessment for state and county purposes previous to the attempted incurring of such indebtedness, and that the incurring of such indebtedness was so attempted without the assent of three-fifths of the voters of the county voting at an election held for that purpose.

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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 provide therefor by resolution, which shall specify separately the amount of each distinct class of such indebtedness to be so ratified, the date or period of the attempted incurring by the corporate authorities of each separate class thereof, and the general nature of the indebtedness composed

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in each distinct class and shall provide for the holding of a special election for that purpose, at which the attempted incurring of such indebtedness shall be submitted to the voters of such county, for ratification or rejection. Notice of such election shall be provided for in such resolution, and shall be given by publishing the same in a newspaper published in such county, once a week for at least four successive weeks. Each distinct class of such indebtedness so specified shall be the subject of a distinct vote in favor of or against 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.

SEC. 3. If at any election held as provided for in section two of this act, three-fifths of the voters of such county, voting at such election, shall vote in favor of the ratification of any distinct class of such indebtedness, then such indebtedness shall thereby become and is hereby declared to be validated and a binding obligation upon such county. Nothing in this act contained nor the vote cast at any such election shall be deemed to validate or authorize any indebtedness, which, together with all other indebtedness of such county, existing at the time of the attempted incurring of the same exceed any constitutional limitation of indebtedness which might be incurred with the assent of three-fifths of the voters in such county. *Provided*, That this act shall apply only to indebtedness attempted to be incurred prior to the passage thereof.

SEC. 4. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any such county shall submit to the voters the question of ratifying any indebtedness as provided in this act, they may at the same time submit the question whether the corporate authorities shall be authorized to fund such indebtedness by the issuance and sale of the general negotiable bonds of such

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county. The question of ratifying the indebtedness and the question of authorizing the funding thereof may, in the discretion of the county commissioners, be submitted as one question, or the question of ratifying and the question of authorizing the funding of the indebtedness may be separately submitted. In either event an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the voters voting upon said proposition at such election shall be necessary to carry such proposals whether separately or jointly submitted. It shall be lawful to fund the principal and accrued interest of the indebtedness so ratified. If the proposal to authorize the funding of the indebtedness shall carry, the corporate authorities in their discretion may issue and sell the bonds of the county, to the amount so authorized, in the manner and upon the terms and conditions now provided by law for the issuance, sale and redemption of like bonds of such county.

Passed the House February 23, 1921.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1921.

Approved by the Governor March 8, 1921.

CHAPTER 55.

[S. B. 149.]

LOGGING RIGHT OF WAY OVER STATE LANDS.

AN ACT relating to rights of way for logging purposes over state lands and amending section 6394 Pierce's Code, section 6831 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6394 Pierce's Code, Section 6831 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 6831. Any person, corporation or association engaged in the business of logging and lumber-

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