

until authorized and empowered so to do by statute enacted by the Legislature, and any contract of sale, lease or re-lease, or contract extending or modifying the present lease of said tract of land, made or attempted to be made by said Board of Regents shall be null and void unless and until the same has been approved, confirmed and ratified by statute enacted by the Legislature.

Passed the Senate January 25, 1923.

Passed the House February 21, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1923.

CHAPTER 45.

[S. B. 125.]

TAXATION.

AN ACT relating to the powers and limitations of taxing districts and amending Section 5607 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 5607 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 5607; .
Pierce's Code
§ 5402.

Section 5607. All orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts, payments or liabilities to pay, made or attempted to be made in violation of this act, shall be absolutely void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against a taxing district: *Provided*, That the limitations imposed by this act shall not apply to debts contracted by any taxing district prior to March 1, 1917: *Provided, further*, That the limitations imposed by this act may be exceeded by cities of the second class for the purpose of constructing, renewing or repairing any bridge or bridges across any navigable waters located therein, and as to such

Debts void.

Bridges,
2nd class
cities.

indebtedness incurred for such purpose, the limits upon municipal indebtedness imposed by the State Constitution shall apply. No additional indebtedness shall be incurred by any city of the second class for the purpose last above mentioned without the assent of three-fifths of the qualified voters of such city voting thereon at an election to be held therein for that purpose under and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9538 to 9548, inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington. Any such additional indebtedness so incurred shall not thereafter be taken into consideration in computing the limitation of indebtedness of such city under the provisions of this act.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1923.

Passed the House February 21, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1923.

CHAPTER 46.

[S. B. 141.]

DIKES, DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

AN ACT relating to the improvement of lands and other property by diking, drainage and sewerage, providing for certain protection of the lien of drainage, diking and sewerage improvement district assessments in the foreclosure of general taxes, and amending Sections 4405, 4406, 4407, 4411, 4412, 4415, 4422, 4431, 4435, 4438, 4439, 4445, 4446, 4449, 4451, 4459 of Remington's Compiled Statutes and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 4405 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 4405. Whenever four or more persons whose lands will be benefited thereby desire to have improvements constructed for the drainage or protection from overflow, or both, of any contiguous

Rem. Comp.
Stat.
§§ 9538 to
9548;
Pierce's Code
§§ 5446 to
5455.

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 4405;
Pierce's Code
§ 1945-57.

Owners of
lands
benefited
desire
improvement.