

election, shall be deemed to validate or authorize any indebtedness which, together with all other indebtedness of such city or town existing at the time of the attempted incurring of the same, exceeded any constitutional limitation of indebtedness which might be incurred with the assent of three-fifths of the voters in such city or town voting at an election to be held for that purpose: *And provided further,* That this act shall apply only to indebtedness attempted to be incurred prior to the passage hereof.

SEC. 4. Inasmuch as there is no existing statute of this state to enable cities and towns to validate indebtedness attempted to be incurred on the part of such cities and towns, by the corporate authorities thereof, in excess of their legal authority, and inasmuch as the legal authority has been so exceeded, in good faith, in sundry cities and towns of this state, an emergency exists for the immediate Emergency. effect of this law; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved March 7, 1891.

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## CHAPTER CXXXII.

[S. B. No. 181.]

### RELATING TO FUNDING INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT authorizing cities and towns to submit to the voters therein propositions to fund indebtedness of such cities and towns by the issuing of bonds therefor, at the same election at which the previous attempted incurring of such indebtedness, or any part thereof, may be ratified.

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

SECTION 1. At any election which may be held in any city or town in this state in accordance with the constitution and laws thereof, for the purpose of voting upon the question of ratifying any indebtedness of such city or town, theretofore attempted to be incurred by such city or town,

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such city or town may submit to the voters thereof any proposition to fund such indebtedness so sought to be ratified, or any existing indebtedness of such city or town, or both. The proposition to ratify such indebtedness and the proposition to fund the same may be submitted to the voters in such city or town by the corporate authorities thereof in the same or in separate ordinances, as may be required or permitted by law; but the proposition to fund shall be the subject of a distinct vote in favor of or against the same, separate from the vote upon the proposition to ratify, and separate from the vote upon a proposition to fund any part of such indebtedness as to which a proposition to ratify is not submitted.

SEC. 2. If at any such election any such indebtedness so proposed to be ratified shall be validated in accordance with the requirements of the constitution and statutes of this state, any vote cast at such election in accordance with the requirements of section one of this act, upon a proposition to fund such indebtedness so validated, by the issuing of bonds therefor, shall have the same effect as an assent to or dissent from the funding of such indebtedness, as if such indebtedness had been validated previously to the passage of the ordinance submitting such proposition to fund the same.

Emergency.

SEC. 3. Inasmuch as there is no existing statute of this state to enable cities and towns to submit to the voters therein, at the same election, propositions to ratify the previously attempted incurring of indebtedness of such cities and towns, and propositions to fund such indebtedness, an emergency exists for the immediate effect of this law; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

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