

Constitutional
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thing in this act contained, nor the vote or votes cast at any such election or elections as aforesaid, shall be deemed to validate or authorize any indebtedness which, together with all other indebtedness of such former city or town existing at the time of the attempted incurring of the same, exceeded any constitutional or statutory limitation of indebtedness which might be incurred with the assent of three-fifths of the voters in such former 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 of this act.

Emergency.

SEC. 5. An emergency exists for the immediate operation of this act; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved March 3, 1893.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

[H. B. No. 278.]

RELIEF OF INDIGENT UNION AND MEXICAN WAR SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES.

AN ACT to amend sections one and seven of an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of indigent Union and Mexican War soldiers, sailors and marines, and the families of those deceased or indigent, and to defray funeral expenses."

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

SECTION 1. That section one of an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of indigent union and Mexican war soldiers, sailors and marines, and the families of those deceased or indigent, and to defray funeral expenses," approved February 2, 1888, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. For the relief of indigent and suffering union soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war of the rebellion, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars in the United States, and their families, or the families of those deceased who need assistance in any city,

town or precinct in this state, the board of commissioners of the county in which such city, town or precinct is situated, may provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic in said city or town upon the recommendation of the relief committee of said post, in the same manner as is now provided by law for the relief of the poor: *Provided*, Said soldier, sailor or marine or the families of those deceased are and have been residents of the state for at least twelve months, and the orders of said commander and quartermaster shall be the proper vouchers for the expenditure of said sum or sums of money.

SEC. 2. That section seven of said act is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 7. The boards of county commis- County commissioners. sioners of the several counties in this state shall levy, in addition to the taxes now levied by law, a tax not less Tax levy. than one-fortieth of one mill, and not greater than one-fifth of one mill, upon the taxable property of their respective counties, to be levied and collected as now prescribed by law for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war of the rebellion, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars in the United States, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased union soldiers, sailors and marines, to be disbursed for such relief by such board of county commissioners.

SEC. 3. There being no law on this subject for the ben- Emergency. efit of indigent soldiers of the Indian wars in the United States, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

SEC. 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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