

LAWS OF WASHINGTON.

CHAPTER I.

[S. B. No. 1.]

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

AN ACT making appropriation for the expenses of the fourth legislature of the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury of the state, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the per diem and mileage of the members and the salaries of the officers and employés of the present session of the legislature of the State of Washington, and all other expenses of this session.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Passed the senate January 17, 1895.

Passed the house January 21, 1895.

Approved January 24, 1895.

CHAPTER II.

[S. B. No. 92.]

RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS.

AN ACT to grant to and prescribe powers of counties relative to public works undertaken or proposed by the State of Washington, or the United States, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Every county in this state is hereby, for the purposes of this act, declared to be a body corporate and

Counties, body
corporate.

Condemnation of lands for public use.

is authorized and empowered by and through its board of county commissioners whenever said board shall judge it to be clearly for the general welfare and benefit of the people of the county, and so far as shall be in harmony with the constitution of this state and the provisions of this act, to condemn and appropriate as hereinafter in this act provided and to dispose of for public use such lands, properties, rights and interests as are hereinafter in this act mentioned, whenever the government of the United States or of this state is intending or proposing the construction, operation or maintenance of any public work situated or to be situated wholly or partly within such county, or the expenditure of money or labor for the construction, operation or maintenance of any such work, and such condemnation or appropriation will enable the county to aid, promote, facilitate or prepare for any such construction, operation, maintenance or expenditure by either or both such governments, or to fulfill or dispose of any condition upon which such construction, operation, maintenance or expenditure is by law or from any cause contingent, and no property shall be exempt from such condemnation, appropriation or disposition by reason of the same having been or being dedicated, appropriated or otherwise reduced or held to public use.

Board of county commissioners to levy annual tax.

SEC. 2. The board of county commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered in aid of the powers granted or prescribed in the foregoing section to levy, annually, a tax as large as may be necessary, but not exceeding the rate of one mill on the dollar, upon all the taxable property in the county, such tax to be assessed, levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as taxes for general county purposes, but the proceeds of said taxes, when collected, shall constitute and be a special fund, applicable solely to the cost of such condemnation, appropriation or disposition, as is mentioned in the foregoing section, and the expenses incident thereto.

Eminent domain extended to counties.

SEC. 3. The right of eminent domain for the purposes intended in this act is hereby extended to all counties in this state and every such county for any purpose of condemnation, appropriation or disposition such as is men-

tioned in the first section of this act is hereby authorized and empowered to condemn and appropriate all necessary lands and all rights, properties and interests in or appurtenant to land under the same procedure as is or shall be provided by the laws of this state for the case of any similar condemnation or appropriation by other corporations.

SEC. 4. Any county purpose mentioned in this act shall be deemed and held to be a general county purpose and any indebtedness contracted or to be contracted therefor shall be deemed and held to be an indebtedness for general county purposes, and all the provisions of law of this state relative to indebtedness for general county purposes or the contracting of such indebtedness or the bonds for funding the same shall be deemed applicable to any indebtedness contracted or to be contracted or any bonds issued by any county under this act, but the accounts of the county with respect to the receipts and disbursements of all moneys received or disbursed by the county under the provisions of this act shall, for each condemnation, appropriation and disposition, be so kept as to clearly and fully exhibit such accounts separate and apart from the other accounts of the county.

Indebtedness
contracted.

SEC. 5. Any condemnation, appropriation or disposition intended in this act shall be deemed and held to be for a county purpose and public use within the meaning of this act when it is directly or indirectly; approximately or remotely for the general benefit or welfare of the county or of the inhabitants thereof, or when it is otherwise within the meaning of the phrase "for a county purpose" as occurring in the constitution of this state.

Condemnation a county
purpose.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. Inasmuch as there is no adequate provision of law now existing for such condemnation, appropriation or disposition by counties of this state as is intended in this act, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

Passed the senate February 6, 1895.

Passed the house February 9, 1895.

Approved February 12, 1895.