

funds of the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. If after the expiration of sixty days after the passage of this act there are not sufficient moneys in the state tide land fund to pay said warrant, the said state auditor is directed, upon the surrender of the said warrant, to issue another warrant on the state treasurer for said sum, in favor of said Union Savings Bank and Trust Company, payable out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1897.

Passed the House March 10, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1897.

CHAPTER LV.

[S. B. No. 76.]

RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS.

AN ACT to prescribe the mode of payment of all obligations of debt to be paid in money.

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

SECTION 1. Every contract, loan, bond or mortgage may be paid and fully satisfied by and with any kind of lawful money or currency of the United States, a provision of the contract, loan, bond or mortgage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debts may be paid in any lawful money.

SEC. 2. A provision in any debt, contract, loan, mortgage, bond or other forbearance of money making the same payable in a particular kind of money or currency of the United States, is hereby declared to be, and made unenforceable, but said debt, contract, loan, mortgage, bond or other forbearance of money shall be fully satisfied by the paying of the amount of said debt, contract, loan, mortgage, bond or other forbearance of money in any kind of lawful money of the United States.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect

any contract or obligation made or entered into prior to the taking effect of this act.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1897.

Passed the House March 5, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1897.

CHAPTER LVI.

[S. B. No. 51.]

RELATING TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

AN ACT providing for the constitutional amendment conferring the elective franchise on women.

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

Amendment to
constitution
proposed:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend article VI of the constitution of the State of Washington by adding a section to be called section 9, so as to confer the elective franchise on women: Section 9. The elective franchise shall never be denied any person on account of sex, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution.

Secretary of
state shall
publish.

SEC. 2. The secretary of state shall cause the foregoing amendment to be published for three months next preceding said election to be held in November, 1898, in some weekly newspaper in every county within this state wherein a newspaper is published.

To be voted
upon Novem-
ber, 1898.

SEC. 3. That at the general election to be held in November, 1898, the amendment hereinbefore mentioned in section 1 shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Washington for their approval, and there shall be printed on all the ballots provided for said election the words: "For the proposed amendment to article VI of the constitution, conferring the elective franchise on women," "Against the proposed amendment to article VI of the constitution, conferring the elective franchise on women."

Passed the Senate February 25, 1897.

Passed the House March 10, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1897.