

CHAPTER 158.

[S. B. 235.]

POWER OF COUNTIES OF THE FIRST CLASS TO CONSTRUCT OR AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CANALS.

AN ACT relating to the power of counties of the first class to construct or aid in the construction of canals, and declaring an emergency.

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

County may construct or aid in construction.

SECTION 1. That whenever the board of county commissioners of any county of the first class in this State shall deem it for the interest of the county to construct or to aid the United States in constructing a canal to connect any bodies of water within the county, such county, is hereby authorized to construct such canal or to aid the United States in constructing the same and to incur indebtedness for such purpose to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars and to issue the negotiable bonds of the county therefor in the manner and form provided in sections 1846 to 1851, inclusive, of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Limit of indebtedness.

Public purpose.

SEC. 2. That such purpose is hereby declared to be a county purpose.

Prior indebtedness validated.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where within one year next prior to the passage of this act any county has undertaken or attempted, or is undertaking or attempting to construct or to aid the United States in constructing any such canal or within said time has been or is incurring or attempting to incur indebtedness or to issue its bonds in manner and form above mentioned for any such purpose to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars, all such action by such county and all such indebtedness and bonds are hereby validated and confirmed and such county is authorized to proceed with the matter under the provisions of this act.

Emergency.

SEC. 4. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 7th, 1907.

Passed the House March 12th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 13th, 1907.