

the state or county. "Construct" shall include to build, repair, maintain, improve, or other like work. "Construction" shall include repair, maintenance, improvement, or other like work. "Public authorities" shall mean the county commissioners of the county or the constituted authorities of any county having control of roads and bridge construction or the council, when cities or towns are referred to. Words importing the plural number may be applied in the singular, and words importing the singular may be applied in the plural.

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CHAPTER 57.

[H. B. 283.]

ALLOWING CERTAIN CITIES TO CREATE PUBLICITY FUND.

AN ACT authorizing cities of the second class under 18,000 inhabitants to create a publicity fund and to levy taxes for that purpose, and providing for the manner of the expenditure of such fund.

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

SECTION 1. Any city of the second class under 18,000 inhabitants of the State of Washington is hereby empowered to create a special fund to be known as a publicity fund, to be used exclusively for exploiting and advertising the general advantages and opportunities of such city and vicinity. Whenever the city council or other governing body in any such city shall decide to create a publicity fund under this act, such council or governing body of such city shall do so by ordinance, and thereupon the council or other governing body of such city shall have authority to levy annually for the creation and maintenance of such fund a special tax on all of the taxable property of such city, not exceeding two and one-half mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of

Second class
city under
18,000.

Fund.

Special tax.

such city. All moneys derived from such tax levy shall be paid into such publicity fund and shall be devoted exclusively to the use herein stated, and shall be paid out only upon warrants drawn against the same and signed by at least two members of the publicity board hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 2. All expenditures from said fund shall be made under the direction of a publicity board of three members to be nominated by a recognized commercial organization of such city, then appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council or other legislative body of the city by two-thirds vote; the members of such board shall serve without remuneration and must be actual residents and voters in such city and property owners therein; and the recognized commercial organization herein referred to must be representative and public and devoted exclusively to the work usually devolving on such organizations, and must have no less than two hundred *bona fide* dues paying members, and must be incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington; if there be more than one organization meeting these qualifications in any city, then the oldest of such organizations shall be the one recognized within the meaning and provisions of this act. Members of the publicity board may be appointed in the manner herein provided any time after this act goes into effect and the first members appointed shall hold office until the second Monday in January following their appointment, or until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified, and thereafter the members of such publicity board shall be appointed at the first regular meeting in December of the city council or other governing body of such city and the terms of office of such members shall be for one year beginning on the second Monday in January after their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members of the board, duly appointed and confirmed, shall qualify prior to the beginning of their term by taking the oath of office and by giving a bond to the city in the sum of \$1,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of

Expenditures,
by whom
made.

Commercial
organizations
defined.

Publicity
board.

Bond.

their duties. Any member of the board shall be removed by the mayor on request of the recognized commercial organization making the nomination, as hereinbefore stated, when it is shown that a majority vote of the entire membership of such recognized organization favoring such removal has been cast at any regular meeting of such organization. No part of said publicity fund shall ever be paid to any newspaper, magazine or periodical published within the city or county where such city is situated, for advertising or write-ups or for any other service or purpose whatsoever, and no part of such fund shall be expended for the purpose of making any exhibits at any fair, exposition or the like.

Removal
by mayor.

Limitation
on expendi-
tures of
publicity
fund.

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CHAPTER 58.

[H. B. 474.]

AUTHORIZING VOTING MACHINES.

AN ACT to provide for the use, at the option of indicated local authorities, of voting machines at any primary, general, special or other election within the State of Washington; creating a state board of voting machine examiners and defining its powers and duties; providing rules and regulations for the conduct of elections held with voting machines; providing for the casting, registering, recording and counting of ballots or votes by voting machines, where used; and providing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act.

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

SECTION 1. *Use of Voting Machines at Elections.*

At all state, county, city, town, township and district elections of any character, primary, general, special or otherwise, hereafter held in the State of Washington, ballots or votes may be cast, registered, recorded and counted by means of voting machines, as hereinafter provided.

Machines
may be used.