

higher institution of learning. In addition to the foregoing requirements the applicant shall pass an examination in such branches as the state board of education may prescribe. This certificate may be renewed for a like period if application is made not later than ninety days after the certificate expires; *Provided* the holder has, during the life of the certificate, attended an accredited higher institution of learning for eighteen weeks and done satisfactory work in at least three subjects as certified by the principal or president of such institution.

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Passed the House March 5, 1923.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 176.

[S. B. 198.]

MUNICIPAL STREET RAILWAYS.

AN ACT relating to and providing for the creation of local improvement districts and the levying and collection of special assessments upon property specially benefited, to defray the cost and expense of purchasing, acquiring, constructing and equipping surface, subway and elevated street railways and extensions thereof, by cities and towns.

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

SECTION 1. Any city or town in this state owning and operating a municipal street railway over one hundred miles of track shall have power to provide for purchasing, or otherwise acquiring, or constructing and equipping surface, subway and elevated street railways and extensions thereof, and to levy and collect special assessments on property specially benefited thereby, for paying the cost and

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expense of the same or any portion thereof, as herein provided.

SEC. 2. Any improvement district created hereunder shall be created only by ordinance defining its boundaries as specified and described in the petition therefor and specifying the plan or system therein provided for; and shall be initiated only upon a petition therefor, specifying and describing the boundaries of such district and specifying the plan or system of proposed improvement, signed by the owners of at least sixty (60) per cent of the lineal frontage upon the proposed improvement and of at least fifty (50) per cent of the area within the limits of the proposed improvement district: *Provided*, that the city council may in its discretion reject any such petition.

Ordinance
creating
district.

Petition.

SEC. 3. The cost and expense of any such improvement shall be distributed and assessed against all the property included in such local improvement district, in accordance with the special benefits conferred thereon.

Assessment
of costs.

SEC. 4. Except as herein otherwise provided all matters and proceedings relating to the local improvement district, the levying and collecting of assessments, the issuance and redemption of local improvement warrants and bonds, and the enforcement of local assessment liens hereunder shall be governed by the laws relating to local improvements; and all matters and proceedings relating to the purchase, acquisition or construction and equipment of the improvement and the operation of the same hereunder and the issuance and redemption of utility bonds and warrants, if any, and the use of general or utility funds, if any, in connection with the purchase, acquisition, construction, equipping or opera-

Procedure.

tion of the improvement shall be governed by the laws relating to municipal public utilities.

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Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 177.

[S. B. 228.]

CENSUS OF COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to classification of counties and the enumeration of population for purposes of classification and providing penalties, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any county shall determine that its county has sufficient population to entitle it to advance to a higher class, and shall pass a resolution setting forth its estimate as to the population and the classification to which such county is entitled by reason of such estimated population it may order a census to be taken of all the inhabitants of the county.

Census
ordered by
commissioners.

How taken.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of making such enumeration, the board of county commissioners may employ one or more suitable persons. The census shall give the full name, age and occupation, if any, of each person resident in said county as of a date to be fixed by the board. The names shall be plainly written, alphabetically arranged and numbered in complete series. Each person employed as an enumerator shall prepare a complete list of all names taken by him and shall verify his list as true and