Contested taxes.

the current taxes as are then due and payable or delinquent. No person shall be entitled to the benefit of this act with respect to taxes which are being or which shall hereafter be contested: *Provided*, That if any such contest is dismissed and the contestant pays all costs incurred, such dismissing contestant shall be entitled to the benefit of this act.

Effective immediately.

Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 27, 1939.

Passed the House March 5, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 1939.

CHAPTER 105.

[S. B. 65.]

SALARIES OF CITY OFFICERS.

An Act relating to salaries of officers of cities of the second class and amending section 12, section 20, section 21, section 22 and section 26 of chapter 241 of the Laws of 1907.

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

Amends § 9017 Rem. Rev. Stat.; § 725 P. C. Section 1. Section 12 of chapter 241 of the Laws of 1907 (section 9017 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 725 of Pierce's Code) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Salaries.

Section 12. The mayor and members of the city council shall receive such salaries as may be fixed by the city council by ordinance: *Provided*, That the salary of the mayor shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, nor shall the salary of any member of the city council exceed the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) per annum: *Provided*, That a deduction of five dollars for each absence shall be made from the salary of

each member of the city council who shall be absent from any regular meeting of the city council. The city council shall also by ordinance fix the salaries of the city treasurer, city clerk, city attorney, police judge, street commissioner and chief of police, subject to the limitations hereinafter contained. The salary of all other officers mentioned in this act, and not herein expressly provided for, shall be fixed by the city council, except that the library trustees shall serve without salary or compensation. The Restriction. salary or compensation of no officer of such city shall be increased or diminished during his term of office, nor shall any such officer be allowed any extra or additional compensation, either directly or indirectly, for the rendition of services that the city council have the power to require such officer to perform by virtue of his office. The salaries of all city officers shall be payable monthly.

Section 20 of chapter 241 of the Laws of 1907 (section 9025 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 733 of Pierce's Code) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends § 9025 Rem.

Section 20. It shall be the duty of the city clerk Duties of city clerk. to keep the corporate seal and all papers and documents belonging to the city; to file them in his office under appropriate heads; to attend the sittings of the city council and to keep a journal of their proceedings and records of all their resolutions and ordinances; to sign all warrants and licenses issued in pursuance of the orders and ordinances of the city council and to affix the corporate seal on such licenses; to sign all deeds, leases, contracts, bonds and other documents when authorized by the council; to keep an accurate account in a suitable book under the appropriate heads of all expenditures, of all orders drawn upon the city treasurer and of all warrants issued in pursuance thereof; also to keep an account in an appropriate book of all licenses

issued, with the names of the persons to whom issued, the date of issue, the time for which the same was granted and the sums paid therefor and to perform such other duties as he may be required to perform by the provisions of this act, or by ordinance. He shall receive for his services a salary to be fixed by the council not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per month.

Amends § 9026 Rem. Rev. Stat.; § 734 P. C. Sec. 3. Section 21 of chapter 241 of the Laws of 1907 (section 9026 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 734 of Pierce's Code) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Salary of Chief of Police. Section 21. The chief of police shall receive a salary which shall not exceed the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2,700) per annum to be determined by the city council.

Amends § 9027 Rem. Rev. Stat.; § 735 P. C. Sec. 4. Section 22 of chapter 241 of the Laws of 1907 (section 9027 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 735 of Pierce's Code) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Salary of city treasurer. Section 22. The city treasurer shall receive a salary which shall not exceed the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2,700) per annum to be fixed by the city council.

Amends § 9031 Rem. Rev. Stat.; § 739 P. C. Sec. 5. Section 26 of chapter 241 of the Laws of 1907 (section 9031 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 739 of Pierce's Code) is hereby amended to read as follows:

City Attorney. Section 26. The city attorney shall be the legal adviser of the city council and of all the officers of the city in relation to matters pertaining to their respective offices. He shall represent the city in all litigation in all courts in which the city is a party or directly interested, and shall prosecute all violations of the city ordinances, and shall act generally as the attorney for the city and the several departments of the city government, and he shall perform such other duties as the city council may direct.

He shall receive such salary as may be determined by the city council, not exceeding, however, the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2,700) per anniim.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1939. Passed the House March 6, 1939. Approved by the Governor March 12, 1939.

CHAPTER 106.

[S. B. 98.]

UTILITY BONDS ISSUED BY STATE FOREST BOARD.

An Act relating to the acquiring, seeding, reforestation and administration of lands for state forests; providing for the issuance and disposition of \$300,000 of utility bonds therefor; and amending section 2 of chapter 104 of the Laws of 1937.

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

Section 1. That section 2 of chapter 104 of the Amends Laws of 1937 (section 5812-11 of Remington's Re- Rem. Rev. vised Statutes; section 2578-18 of Pierce's Code), § 2578-18 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. That for the purpose of acquiring, Utility bonds issued. seeding, reforestation and administering lands for forests and of carrying out the provisions of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1923, the state forest board is authorized to issue and dispose of utility bonds of the State of Washington in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in principal during the biennium expiring March 31, 1941: Provided, however, That no sum in excess of one dollar (\$1) per acre shall ever be paid or allowed either in cash, bonds, or otherwise, for any lands suitable for forest growth, but devoid of such, nor shall any sum in excess of three dollars (\$3) per acre