

CHAPTER 114.

[S. B. 160.]

ALLOWING REFERENDUM ON UTILITY FRANCHISE
GRANTS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT relating to the power of cities to grant certain utility franchises, and providing for a referendum, and declaring an emergency.

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

Franchises
for utility
subject to
referendum.

SECTION 1. All grants of franchises or rights for the conduct or distribution of electric energy, electric power, or electric light within any city or town of the State of Washington by the City Council or other legislative body or legislative authority thereof, whether granted by ordinance, resolution, or other form of grant, contract, permission or license, shall be subject to popular referendum under the general laws of this state heretofore or hereafter enacted, or as may be provided by the charter provisions, heretofore or hereafter adopted, of any such city or town.

Effective
immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and of the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately: *Provided*, That no petition for referendum may be filed after six months from the date of ordinance, resolution, or other form of grant, contract, permission, or license granting such franchise.

Limit for
filing.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1941.

Passed the House March 12, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.