health, welfare and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945. Passed the House March 7, 1945. Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

## CHAPTER 189. [ S. B. 282. ]

## COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

An Act relating to competitive examinations for public offices, positions and employment; and providing for preferences for all veterans of wars of the United States.

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

SECTION 1. In all competitive examinations to Examinations for determine the qualifications of applicants for public publ offices, positions or employment, the State of Washington, and all of its political subdivisions, and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference status of ten per cent (10%) to all veterans, as herein defined, of all wars in which the United States of America has been, now is, or may hereafter be engaged, by adding to the mark, grade or rating, based upon one hundred (100) points as perfect, which a veteran is given on any examination, ten (10) points. The term "veteran" as herein veterans. used, shall include every person who has served, now is serving, or may hereafter serve in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army Transport Service, and the Merchant Marine and, upon termination of the service, has received an honorable discharge, or a physical discharge with an honorable record, or has been re-

lieved of active services under honorable circumstances.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 190.

[S. B. 104.]

## LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

An Act relating to local improvements in cities and towns; and amending section 6, chapter 98, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 6, chapter 168, Laws of 1915 (section 9357, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 401-11).

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

Section 1. Section 6, chapter 98, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 6, chapter 168, Laws of 1915 (section 9357, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 401-11), is amended to read as follows:

Local improvement districts.

Section 6. Whenever the public interest or convenience may require, the council, or other legislative authority of any such city or town, is hereby authorized and empowered to order the whole or any part of the streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, boulevards, parks, park drives, parkways, playgrounds, public squares, and places within any such city or town to be graded or regraded, planked or replanked, paved or repaved, macadamized or remacadamized, graveled or regraveled, piled or repiled, capped or recapped or otherwise improved and to order sidewalks, drains, sewers, and all sewer appurtenances, culverts, bulkheads, retaining walls, water mains, hydrants or appurtenances, curbing and cross walks, street lighting systems, together with the cost and expense of furnishing electrical