

Cities and towns—Municipal utilities. Validation of existing districts, their obligations and acts.

ment districts having the respective boundaries set forth in their organization or annexation proceedings as shown by the files in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which formed. All debts, contracts and obligations heretofore made or incurred by or in favor of any such local improvement district and any and all assessments or levies and all other things and proceedings done or taken by the city or town within, and by which such districts were organized, under or in pursuance of such organization, and under or in pursuance of the levy and collection of special assessments by the city or town to pay the whole or any part of the cost and expense or upkeep, repair, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of such local improvement districts and any expense incident to said purposes are hereby declared legal and valid and in full force and effect.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1965.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 131.

[Senate Bill No. 48.]

DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS—STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.

AN ACT relating to the uniform declaratory judgments act; and adding a new section to chapter 113, Laws of 1935 and to chapter 7.24 RCW.

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

New section. SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 113, Laws of 1935 and to chapter 7.24 a new section to read as follows:

Uniform declaratory judgments act. The court, in its discretion and upon such conditions and with or without such bond or other security as it deems necessary and proper, may stay any rul-

ing, order, or any court proceedings prior to final judgment or decree and may restrain all parties involved in order to secure the benefits and preserve and protect the rights of all parties to the court proceedings.

Stay of proceedings under.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1965.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 132.

[Senate Bill No. 54.]

CIVIC CENTER PROPERTIES—MANAGEMENT BY CITIES OF FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT relating to the administration and management of civic center properties by cities of the first class; and adding a new section to chapter 7, Laws of 1965, and to chapter 35.22 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 35.22 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The legislative authority of any city of the first class of more than four hundred thousand population shall have, notwithstanding any charter or statutory provision to the contrary, authority by ordinance to create a separate department of municipal government for the administration, management and control of any multiple use city property, including improvements thereon, devoted to educational, cultural, recreational, entertainment, athletic, convention and such other uses as shall be declared by ordinance to be incident to a civic center. The supervision of said department shall be by a manager, board or commission to be appointed in the manner, receive such compensation and perform such duties as may be pre-

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