

Emergency  
clause.

SEC. 120. Whereas, the existing laws of this state relating to the assessment and collection of taxes are defective and insufficient, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved March 9, 1891.

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## CHAPTER CXLI.

[S. B. No. 193.]

### RELATING TO INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT to amend section two of an act entitled "An act authorizing cities and towns to construct internal improvements and to issue bonds to pay therefor, and declaring an emergency," approved March 26, 1890.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 2. Whenever the city council or board of trustees of any such city or town shall deem it advisable that the city or town of which they are such officers shall exercise the authority hereby conferred upon them in relation to water works, sewerage or works for lighting purposes, any or all thereof, the corporation shall provide therefor by ordinance, which shall specify and adopt the system or plan proposed and declare the estimated cost thereof as near as may be, and the same shall be submitted for ratification or rejection to the qualified voters of said city, at a special election, of which 30 days' notice shall be given in the newspaper doing the city printing, by publication in each issue of said paper during said time: *Provided*, That if the said city or town is to become indebted or issue bonds for such water works, or sewerage system or plant or works for lighting purposes, the said proposition and authority to become so indebted shall be adopted and assented to by three-fifths of the qualified voters of said city or town voting at said election, except as to the adoption

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Limit of votes  
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or rejection of the system or plan of internal improvements contemplated, which may be adopted by a majority vote. When the system or plan has been adopted, and the creation of an indebtedness assented to as aforesaid, the said corporation shall be authorized and empowered to construct and acquire the internal improvements contemplated, and to create an indebtedness and to issue bonds therefor as hereinafter provided, which said indebtedness and bonds shall not exceed five (5) per cent. of the taxable property, as shown on the last assessment roll of the city or town made for general municipal purposes; such indebtedness and bonds to be additional to all other outstanding indebtedness of the city or town created within constitutional limits.

Approved March 9, 1891.

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## CHAPTER CXLII.

[S. B. No. 391.]

### CONCERNING APPROPRIATION OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION, MINING AND MANUFACTURING.

AN ACT concerning appropriation of water for irrigation, mining and manufacturing purposes, for supplying cities, towns and villages with water, and for the use of water works, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The right to the use of water in any lake, pond or flowing spring in this state, or the right to the use of water flowing in any river, stream or ravine of this state for irrigation, mining or manufacturing purposes, or for supplying cities, towns or villages with water, or for water works, may be acquired by appropriation, and as between appropriations the first in time is the first in right.

SEC. 2. Any person, persons, corporation or association Posting notice. desiring to appropriate water must post a notice in writing in a conspicuous place at the point of intended storage or diversion stating therein—*First:* That such appropriator