

of the state, up to and including the year 1897, but of no greater authority than all other existing official compilations or Session Laws of the state.

SEC. 2. It shall be proper for the legislature in amending or repealing existing statutes, and for the courts in referring to existing statutes, to refer to or cite Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, containing such law.

SEC. 3. Before the foregoing sections of this act are operative, Bancroft-Whitney Company, a corporation publisher of the compilation known as Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, two volumes, must enter into a contract with the secretary of state, agreeing to sell to the State of Washington, for the use of its state and county officers, copies of said compilation in lots of not less than twenty-five sets at a time, at the rate of ten dollars per set. Said codes so purchased as provided in this section by the secretary of state are only for said state and county officers, and for their exclusive use. The secretary of state shall under no consideration supply private individuals with said code.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1899.

Passed the House March 9, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER LXVIII.

[S. B. No. 104.]

RELATING TO SIDEWALKS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT to amend section (1) of an act entitled: "An act relating to maintenance, repairs and renewal of sidewalks in cities of the first second or third class and providing for payment therefor by the owners of abutting property and declaring an emergency," approved March 21, 1895.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1 of an act entitled "An act relating to maintenance, repairs and renewals of side-

walks in cities of the first, second or third class, and providing for payment therefor by the owners of abutting property and declaring an emergency" approved March 21st, 1895, be amended to read as follows: "Sec. 1. That whenever any street, lane, square, place or alley in any city of the first, second, third or fourth class now or hereafter legally organized in this state, shall have been improved by the construction of a sidewalk or sidewalks along either or both sides thereof, the duty, burden and expense of maintenance, repairs and renewal of such sidewalk or sidewalks, shall devolve upon the property directly abutting upon that side of such street along which such sidewalk has been constructed as hereinafter provided. Whenever, in the judgment of that officer or department of any such city who or which is or shall be charged with the inspection and care of the sidewalks along the public streets, lanes, squares, places and alleys in such city, the condition of any sidewalk is such as to render the same unfit or unsafe for purposes of public travel, the said officer or department shall thereupon notify the owner of the property immediately abutting upon said portion of said sidewalk of the condition thereof, instructing the said owner to clean, repair or renew the said portion of said street or sidewalk. Said notice shall specify a reasonable time within which such cleaning, repairs or renewals shall be executed by the said owner, and in case the said owner shall fail to comply with the instructions of said notice within the time therein specified, then the said officer or department shall proceed to clean said walk or to make such repairs or renewal forthwith, and shall charge the full cost thereof to the said owner of abutting property, which said charge shall become a lien upon said property and shall be collected by due process of law. For the purposes of this act all property having a frontage upon that side or margin of any street shall be deemed to be abutting property, and such property shall be chargeable, as provided by this act, for all costs of maintenance, repairs or renewal of any form of sidewalk

Owner to be notified.

Repairs, how made.

Payment.

improvement between the said street margin and the roadway lying in front of and adjacent to said property, and the term sidewalk is [as] intended for the purposes of this act, shall be taken to include any and all structures or forms of street improvement included in the space between the street margin and the roadway."

Passed the Senate February 6, 1899.

Passed the House March 1, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER LXIX.

[S. B. No. 206.]

DEFINING POWERS OF UNCLASSIFIED CITIES.

AN ACT to enlarge and define the powers of unclassified cities within the State of Washington, incorporated by special charter prior to the adoption of the state constitution.

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

SECTION 1. The council, or other legislative body, of all cities within the State of Washington which were created by special charter prior to the adoption of the state constitution, and which have not since re-incorporated under any general statute, shall have, in addition to the powers specially granted by the charter of such cities, the following powers :

1. To construct, establish and maintain drains and sewers.

2. To impose and collect an annual license not exceeding two dollars on every dog owned or harbored within the limits of the city.

3. To levy and collect annually a property tax on all property within such city.

4. To license all shows, exhibitions and lawful games carried on therein ; and to fix the rates of license tax upon the same, and to provide for the collection of the same by suit or otherwise.

Additional
powers
granted.