

payment of assessments levied to pay for local improvements.

SEC. 3. Municipal corporations are authorized to accept local improvement warrants in payment for certificates of purchase held by such corporations in cases where the property of delinquents has been sold by the sheriff under execution or by the county treasurer or city treasurer at tax sale for failure to pay assessments for local improvements.

SEC. 4. No warrants shall be available for the purposes designated by this act except in payment of an assessment for a local improvement, the fund for which was created by the ordinance or resolution by virtue of which the warrant was issued.

SEC. 5. This act is not intended to supersede or repeal charter provisions of any municipal corporation, but to be supplementary to and concurrent with such provisions; and the powers conferred by this act may be exercised from time to time under such restrictions and upon such conditions as municipal corporations may by ordinance prescribe.

Passed the House February 2, 1899.

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Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER XCVIII.

[H. B. No. 469.]

CHATTEL MORTGAGES MAY BE FILED.

AN ACT relating to chattel mortgages, and the filing thereof, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. Mortgages may be made upon all kinds of personal property, and upon the rolling stock of a railroad company and upon all kinds of machinery,

Mortgage
on crops.

and upon boats and vessels, and upon portable mills and such like property and upon growing crops and upon crops before the seed thereof shall have been sown or planted: *Provided*, That the mortgaging of crops before the seed thereof shall have been sown or planted, for more than one year in advance, is hereby forbidden, and all securities or mortgages hereafter executed on such unsown or unplanted crops are declared void and of no effect, unless such crops are to be sown or planted within one year from the time of the execution of the mortgage.

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to be filed.

SEC. 2. Every such instrument within ten days from the time of the execution thereof shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of the county in which the mortgaged property is situated, and such auditor shall file all such instruments when presented for the purpose, upon the payment of the proper fees therefor, indorse thereon the time of reception, the number thereof, and shall enter in a suitable book to be provided by him at the expense of his county, with an alphabetical index thereto, used exclusively for that purpose, ruled into separate columns with appropriate heads: "The time of filing," "Name of mortgagor," "Name of mortgagee," "Date of instrument," "Amount secured," "When due," and "Date of release." An index to said book shall be kept in the manner required for indexing deeds to real estate, and the county auditor shall receive for the services required by this act the sum of fifteen cents for every instrument, and the moneys so collected shall be accounted for as other fees of his office. Such instrument shall remain on file for the inspection of the public.

Indorsements.

Fees.

Constructive
notice.

SEC. 3. Every mortgage filed and indexed in pursuance of this act shall be held and considered to be full and sufficient notice to all the world, of the existence and conditions thereof, but shall cease to be notice, as against creditors of the mortgagors and subsequent purchasers and mortgagees in good faith, after the expiration of the time such mortgage becomes due, unless before the expiration of two years after the time

such mortgage becomes due, the mortgagee his agent or attorney, shall make and file as aforesaid an affidavit setting forth the amount due upon the mortgage, which affidavit shall be annexed to the instrument to which it relates and the auditor shall endorse on said affidavit the time it was filed.

SEC. 4. The effect of any such affidavit shall not continue beyond one year from the time when such mortgage would otherwise cease to be valid as against such creditors and subsequent purchasers and mortgagees in good faith; unless before the time when any such mortgage would otherwise cease to be valid, as aforesaid, a similar affidavit be filed and annexed as provided in the preceding section, and with like effect.

SEC. 5. That a mortgage contemplated by this act which is given to secure the sum of one hundred dollars or less, exclusive of interest and costs of foreclosure, may be made in substantially the following form :

This mortgage made this....day ofin the year..... by A. Form of mortgage.
B., of....., mortgagor, to C. D., of.....mortgagee,

Witnesseth : That the mortgagor mortgages to the mortgagee (here describe the property) as security for the payment to him ofdollars, on (or before) the....day of.....in the year...., with interest thereon (or security for the payment of a note or obligation, describing it, etc.)

A. B.

Signed and delivered in the presence of

E. F.

G. H.

SEC. 6. That a mortgage given to secure the sum of \$300 or more exclusive of interest, costs and attorneys Costs and attorney fees. or counsel fees may be recorded and indexed with like force and effect as if this act had not been passed, but such mortgage or a copy thereof must also be filed and indexed as required by this act.

SEC. 7. That in case the property mortgaged exists Property in two counties. in two or more counties, a copy of such mortgage may be filed in each of such counties with like force and effect as the original mortgage.

SEC. 8. Whenever any mortgage, filed under the Certificate of satisfaction. provisions of this act, has been paid, or the conditions thereof satisfied, the mortgagee, or his assignee or per-

sonal representatives shall make to the mortgagor, his assignee or personal representatives, a certificate in writing, under his hand, stating the date of the mortgage and a description of the property thereby mortgaged, and that the same has been discharged in full; and on delivering said certificate in writing to the officer with whom such mortgage is filed, the said officer shall deliver said mortgage to the person producing such certificate on payment of the sum of ten cents for filing said certificate, and shall file said certificate in his office, endorsing thereon the true date of filing the same, and shall keep and preserve said certificate among the records in his office, and shall write the word "satisfied" with the date opposite to such mortgage, in the index in which such mortgages are entered under the heading "release."

Passed the House March 8, 1899.

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Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER XCIX.

[H. B. No. 384.]

PROVIDING FOR BURIAL OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

AN ACT to amend section 6 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of indigent Union and Mexican war soldiers, sailors and marines, and the families of those deceased or indigent, and to defray funeral expenses."

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

SECTION 1. That section 6 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of indigent Union and Mexican war soldiers, sailors and marines, and the families of those deceased or indigent, and to defray funeral expenses," approved February 2, 1888, is hereby amended to read as follows: "Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners in each of the