

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 67

Approved by the Governor April 13, 1975

Introduced by Clark, 47

AN ACT to amend section 16-673, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to cities of the first class; to provide that the mayor and city council may contract for public utilities without an election as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 16-673, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

16-673. The mayor and city council of any city of the first class shall have power to make contracts with and authorize any person, company, or association to erect a gas works, power plant, electric or other light works, heating plant, or waterworks in such city and give such persons, company, or association the privilege of furnishing water, lights, power, or heat for the streets, lanes, alleys, and public places and property of such city and its inhabitants for any length of time not exceeding twenty-five years. ~~Provided, that no such contract shall be made or entered into by the mayor and city council until the question of granting the contract or privilege shall have been submitted to the electors of the city at a special election called for that purpose or at a general city election, notice of which shall be given by publication once a week for three successive weeks prior thereto in a legal newspaper published in or of general circulation in such city, and a majority of the electors voting upon the proposition shall have voted in favor of making the contract or granting such privilege; Provided, that if no tax or issuance of bonds is required, any any city of the first class may by resolution of the city council contract for the furnishing of electricity at retail to such city and the inhabitants thereof with any public power district, or an electric cooperative which cooperative has an approved retail service area adjoining such city's retail service area. city:~~

Sec. 2. That original section 16-673, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

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Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.