

*Motor Vehicle
Fund*

4th. North Bank Highway, (State Road No. 8) Wash-
ougal, east \$25,000.00

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1919.

Passed the House March 10, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 1919.

CHAPTER 93.

[H. B. 167.]

COUNTY TOLL BRIDGE FRANCHISES.

AN ACT authorizing county commissioners to grant franchises for the construction and operation of toll bridges, and to purchase same if necessary.

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

Grant of franchises.

SECTION 1. Boards of county commissioners are hereby authorized to grant franchises to persons or corporations for the construction, operation and maintenance of toll bridges, outside of incorporated cities and towns, over and across streams within their respective counties, and over and across streams which are boundaries of counties.

Terms of franchise.

SEC. 2. Such franchise shall be granted for any period not exceeding fifty years, and shall be upon such terms and conditions as the commissioners shall require. The franchise shall specify and require the following:

(1) The kind and character of the bridge to be erected and the time within which the work must be undertaken and completed.

(2) The tolls to be charged, which shall in all cases be reasonable and just and subject to regula-

tion and change by the public service commission of the state of Washington after a hearing.

(3) That such bridge may, at the option of any county or counties, be taken over at any time after the completion thereof, upon payment to the owners of the franchise of the reasonable value of the structure at the time of the sale.

(4) That all public service corporations shall when feasible and practicable be entitled to use such bridge upon paying a reasonable fee therefor.

(5) That the person or corporation owning the bridge shall at all times keep the same and all approaches thereto in good repair and condition, and shall deposit a good and sufficient bond in a reasonable sum to be fixed in said franchise, conditioned to save and keep the county harmless from all damages by reason of the operation and maintenance of said bridge and approaches.

(6) That the franchise shall be subject to forfeiture for failure of the owners to comply with all the terms and conditions of the franchise; that upon forfeiture or termination of the franchise the bridge shall become the property of the county or counties granting the franchise.

(7) That said bridge shall be kept open at all times for public travel.

(8) That the state military forces and United States military forces shall be privileged to use said bridge at all times free of charge.

SEC. 3. Where the stream to be bridged is a boundary between two counties, the county commissioners of both such counties shall join in granting the franchise; and where such bridge is taken over by such counties, each county shall pay for such bridge in proportion to the amount of taxable property in the respective counties.

Boundary
streams,
joinder of
counties.

SEC. 4. No franchise shall be granted hereunder until notice shall have been given by the county

Notice of
granting
franchise.

commissioners of the counties involved in the official newspaper of the county, published for four consecutive weeks, that the commissioners will on a day specified in said notice consider the proposition of granting such franchise.

Purchase by
county.

SEC. 5. County commissioners are authorized to purchase a bridge constructed under the provisions of this act at any time after the completion thereof.

Cost and
maintenance
accounts to
be filed.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation granted a franchise under the provisions of this act to keep an accurate account of the costs of such bridge and upon the completion thereof same shall be verified by such person or some officer of the corporation having knowledge of the facts, and filed with the county auditor. Such person or corporation shall also keep an accurate account of the amount expended in keeping such bridge in repair and for the operation and maintenance thereof and of the revenues received from the operation thereof and shall, on or before the first day of February of each year, file such statement for the preceding calendar year verified by such person, or some officer of the corporation having knowledge of the facts, with the county auditor.

Passed the House, February 27, 1919.

Passed the Senate, March 10, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 1919.