

CHAPTER 21.

[H. B. 155.]

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PERMANENT
HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT appropriating the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) from the permanent highway fund to complete contracts and construction work now in force on permanent highways and for the purpose of making payments on new contracts on permanent highways and for the maintenance of permanent highways, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is, hereby appropriated from the permanent highway fund for completing work already under contract and construction on permanent highways, the completion of such work having been unavoidably delayed, and for the purposes of new contracts on and the maintenance of permanent highways.

Appropriation,
\$4,000,000.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the House February 19, 1915.

Passed the Senate February 25, 1915.

Approved by the Governor February 27, 1915.

CHAPTER 22.

[H. B. 43.]

FRANCHISES AND TOLLS ON INTERSTATE BRIDGES.

AN ACT relating to interstate bridges and providing for the granting of franchises thereon and the collection and expenditure of tolls therefor.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever any bridge has been or may hereafter be constructed over any navigable river, stream or body of water which constitutes or forms the boundary

line of this state, or any county therein, jointly with any state or county of an adjoining state, the county commissioners of the county of this state which has joined in the construction or has the control over any such interstate bridge with any adjoining county or state, shall have the power and authority to act concurrently and jointly with any such adjoining county or state which has joined in the construction or which under the laws of such adjoining state has the control and operation of the same, and which has power under the laws of such adjoining state to act in conjunction with the county commissioners of any county in this state, to grant franchises to any company or corporation for the laying of rails on such interstate bridge and for the operation of electric, street and suburban railways and all other public utilities except steam railroads, and for laying thereon and suspending therefrom pipes for the carrying of water, gas and other substances and wires and cables for the conducting of electricity for telegraph, telephone, lighting, heating, power and other purposes; *Provided*, That no franchise except such as contain adequate common user provisions shall be granted or given any person, firm or corporation for any use or purpose, but such interstate bridge shall be for common use for all municipalities, public service corporations, or individuals upon such terms as may be prescribed.

Grant of franchises for public utilities.

Common user.

Limit of franchises.

SEC. 2. That all franchises granted by the county commissioners under the provisions of section 1 of this act shall be granted for such term as the commissioners acting concurrently with the authorities in such adjoining county or state may determine, but in no event shall any franchise be granted for a longer period than twenty-five years.

SEC. 3. That whenever any interstate bridge has been constructed, or may hereafter be constructed, between any county in this state and an adjoining county or state over waters forming the boundary line of this state, the county commissioners of such county in this state which has joined in the construction of such bridge or has control over the same shall have the power, acting in conjunction and con-

currently with the authorities having control of such interstate bridge under the laws of any adjoining county or state to charge and fix tolls for the transit over any such interstate bridge for all cars, street-cars, wagons, for the laying or suspending of pipes from said bridge for the carrying of water, gas or other substances, wires and cables for the conducting of electricity for telegraph, telephone, lighting, heating, power and other purposes, carriages, automobiles, trucks, vehicles, animals, foot-passengers or other passengers, and for any and all other purposes for which such interstate bridge may be used for both public and private purposes, and such tolls so fixed shall be reasonable and just and shall be apportioned between the county of this state and such adjoining county or state on the basis of the amount contributed towards the construction of such bridge between the county of this state and such adjoining county or state.

Tolls.

SEC. 4. That franchises granted in section 2 of this act can only be granted at a joint meeting of the commissioners of the county of this state where such interstate bridge is located and the public authorities having such matters in charge in such adjoining county or state, and before any franchise can be granted over such interstate bridge for any purpose public notice thereof must be given for at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county to be designated by the public authorities having the matter in charge, in which such interstate bridge is located, giving the time and place when such application for such franchise will be heard and containing a notice that application has been made for the granting of the franchise for the purposes desired and that the same will be heard at the time and place stated.

Mode of granting franchises.

SEC. 5. That the tolls provided for in section 3 of this act shall be fixed at a joint meeting of the county commissioners of the county in which such interstate bridge may be located and the public authorities of any county or state having the authority to join in the fixing of tolls,

Regulation of tolls.

and such tolls shall be reasonable and just, and the rates thus fixed shall continue for the period of one year unless otherwise changed, but such joint board shall have power to either lower or raise any such tolls, or tolls on any particular class herein mentioned, at any joint meeting of such board.

Collection
and disposal
of tolls.

SEC. 6. The county commissioners of any county in this state in which any such interstate bridge may be located shall provide for the collection of such tolls, and the board shall have power to do whatever is necessary to arrange for the collection of such tolls, but all tolls collected from any interstate bridge in this state shall be paid over monthly to the county auditor and by him transmitted to the county treasurer, and the person collecting the same shall make the same affidavit in relation to the collection of such tolls as is now required to be made by county officers in relation to fees collected by them.

Interstate
bridge fund.

SEC. 7. The monies collected shall be kept by the county treasurer in a separate fund and shall be known as the interstate bridge fund and shall be used for the purpose of paying for the operating expenses of any such interstate bridge, and in case any such county is required to pay interest on any bonded indebtedness then to be applied upon the payment of such interest, and the remainder shall be applied toward a sinking fund to redeem any bonded indebtedness that may have been created for the construction of such bridge; or if there be no such indebtedness, then the remainder shall go into the road and bridge fund of the county: *Provided*, That the monies collected from such tolls can only be expended upon warrants drawn by order of the county commissioners.

Highway
board to
control
interstate
bridges
purchased.

SEC. 8. The foregoing provisions of this act shall not apply to bridges located upon state highways and not originally constructed by any public authorities but acquired by the state or local subdivisions thereof by purchase jointly with adjoining states or local subdivisions thereof. Such interstate bridges upon state highways so acquired by purchase shall be controlled, operated and

maintained by the state highway board jointly with the public authorities within any adjoining state having the control of any portion of such bridges. The income from, and expenses of operation and maintenance of, such structures shall be apportioned between the joint owners according to such arrangements as have been or may be made by the state highway board. Franchises for the use of such bridges by electric railways and other utilities shall be granted by the public service commission acting in agreement with the public authorities having control of the portion of such structures outside this state. Such franchise shall contain adequate common user provisions and shall not be exclusive and no franchise shall be granted for a longer period than twenty-five years.

Franchises
by public
service
commission.

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Passed the Senate February 24, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1915.

CHAPTER 23.

[H. B. 48.]

PURCHASE OF INTERSTATE BRIDGE ACROSS SNAKE RIVER.

AN ACT for the purchase of the interest of Asotin county in the interstate bridge across the Snake river between Clarkston, Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho, and appropriating the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars from the public highway fund.

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

SECTION 1. That the state highway commissioner is hereby authorized on behalf of the State of Washington to purchase from Asotin county the interest of said county in the interstate bridge across the Snake River between Clarkston, Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho.

Purchase
authorized.

SEC. 2. That the board of county commissioners of Asotin county is hereby authorized on behalf of said county to sell the interest thereof in said bridge to the State of Washington and to direct the county treasurer to execute

Authority
for sale.