

CHAPTER 152.

[ H. B. 371. ]

TOLL BRIDGES—COLUMBIA RIVER—VANCOUVER—  
PORTLAND.

AN ACT relating to toll bridges across the Columbia River between Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, authorizing the construction of an additional bridge between said cities and the reconstruction and improvement of the existing bridge, authorizing the operation and maintenance of both bridges as a single toll facility, authorizing agreements between the state of Washington and the state of Oregon through their proper agencies, providing for the issuance and sale of revenue bonds and the conditions, terms and payment thereof, amending sections 1 through 4, chapter 132, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.56.310, 47.56.320, 47.56.330 and 47.56.340, amending chapter 47.56 RCW by adding three new sections thereto, and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 132, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.56.310 are each amended to read as follows:

Vancouver-Portland bridges; construction and reconstruction.

The Washington toll bridge authority is hereby authorized in conjunction with the Oregon state highway commission, to erect an additional bridge or so much thereof as may be agreed upon with the Oregon state highway commission, including approaches thereto, across the Columbia river adjacent to the existing interstate bridge between Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, and to reconstruct and improve the said existing interstate bridge and its approaches or so much thereof as may be agreed upon with the Oregon state highway commission. Such additional bridge, together with the existing interstate bridge, shall be an integral part of U. S. highway No. 99, and to the Oregon boundary shall be a part of primary state highway No. 1. All acts necessary to the design and construction of said new bridge and approaches thereto and the reconstruction and alteration of the existing bridge and

approaches may be done and performed by either the Oregon state highway commission or the Washington toll bridge authority with the approval of the other or by both of them jointly.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 132, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.56.320 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

The Washington toll bridge authority is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Oregon state highway commission that the new bridge, including approaches, provided for herein shall be merged and consolidated with the existing interstate bridge, including its approaches, located between Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon so that both bridges shall be and become a single toll facility. Merger into single toll facility.

The Washington toll bridge authority is hereby authorized to operate and to assume the full control of said toll facility and each portion thereof, whether within or without the borders of the state of Washington, with full power to impose and collect tolls from the users of both bridges constituting said toll facility for the purpose of providing revenue at least sufficient to pay the cost and incidental expenses of construction of the new bridge including approaches thereto in both states, the reconstruction and improvement of the existing interstate bridge including approaches thereto in both states, the cost of maintaining, operating and repairing both of said bridges while the same are operated as said toll facility, and for the payment of the principal of and interest on its revenue bonds authorized by, and for the purposes set forth in, this act. Toll bridge authority's powers.

SEC. 3. Section 4, chapter 132, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.56.340 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Both the bridges herein provided for shall be operated as toll-free bridges whenever the costs of construction of the new bridge and approaches thereto and the reconstruction and improvement of Bridges to become toll free.

the existing bridge and approaches thereto, including all incidental costs shall have been paid, and when all of said revenue bonds and interest thereon issued and sold pursuant to the authority of this act shall have been fully paid and redeemed.

Amendment.

SEC. 4. Section 3, chapter 132, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.56.330 are each amended to read as follows:

Agreements with Oregon.

The Washington toll bridge authority and the Washington state highway commission are hereby authorized to enter into such agreements with the Oregon state highway commission as they shall find necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this act.

Any such agreements may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) A provision that all acts pertaining to the design and construction of said new bridge and the reconstruction and improvement of the existing interstate bridge may be done and performed by the Oregon state highway commission or the Washington toll bridge authority, with the approval of the other, or by both, and that any and all contracts for the construction of the new bridge and the reconstruction and improvement of the existing bridge shall be awarded in the name of the state of Oregon by and through its state highway commission or the state of Washington under direction of the Washington toll bridge authority, or both: *Provided, however,* That there shall be a further provision that each state shall have full power to design and construct approaches to each bridge within the respective boundaries of said state with reimbursement from the proceeds of the sale of the revenue bonds to be issued.

(2) A provision that the state of Oregon, the Oregon state highway commission, and any other duly constituted agency of the state of Oregon, the state of Washington, the Washington toll bridge au-

thority, the Washington state highway commission, and any other duly constituted agency of the state of Washington shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds for any advances they may have made or expenses they may have incurred for any of the purposes for which said revenues bonds may be issued, after duly verified, itemized statements of such advances and expenses have been submitted to and jointly approved by the Oregon state highway commission and Washington toll bridge authority.

(3) A provision that during the period of operation of said bridges and the approaches thereto as a toll facility all maintenance and repair work may be performed by either the Oregon state highway commission or by the Washington toll bridge authority with a provision for reimbursement of the costs of such maintenance and repair from revenue derived from the collection of tolls on said toll facility.

Any such agreements shall include the following provisions:

(1) A provision that the new bridge and approaches provided for herein shall be consolidated and merged with the existing interstate bridge and its approaches located between Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon so that both bridges shall be and become a single toll facility.

(2) A provision that the Washington toll bridge authority shall assume and have complete responsibility for the operation of both bridges and approaches thereto as a single toll facility except as to repair and maintenance, and with full power in the Washington toll bridge authority to impose and collect all toll charges from the users of said bridges and to disburse the revenue derived therefrom for the payment of expenses of maintenance and operation and repair thereof, all costs of constructing

said new bridge and reconstructing and improving said existing bridge and all expenses incidental thereto, and the payment of the principal of [and] the interest on the revenue bonds herein provided for.

(3) A provision that the Washington toll bridge authority shall provide for the issuance, sale and payment of revenue bonds payable solely from the revenue derived from the imposition and collection of tolls upon both bridges as a single toll facility, and that such bonds shall be in such amounts as to provide funds with which to pay the costs of the design and construction of the proposed new bridge, including the approaches thereto in both states and the costs of acquisition of rights of way therefor, the reconstruction and alteration of the existing bridge and approaches thereto, expenses incident to the issuance of such bonds including the payment of interest for the period beginning with the date of issuance thereof and ending at the expiration of six months after tolls are first imposed, and a reasonable amount for working capital and prepaid insurance, with the further provision that any sale of the bonds to be issued shall be approved by the Oregon state highway commission.

(4) A provision that the Washington toll bridge authority, after consultation with the Oregon state highway commission, shall fix the classifications and amounts of tolls to be charged and collected from users of said toll facility with power after consultation with the Oregon state highway commission to revise the same if deemed necessary, and the time or times when such tolls shall first be imposed, with the further provision that such toll charges shall be removed after all costs of construction of the new bridge and approaches thereto and the reconstruction and improvement of the existing bridge and approaches thereto, including all incidental costs, shall

have been paid, and all of said revenue bonds, and interest thereon, issued and sold pursuant to the authority of this act shall have been fully paid and redeemed.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 132, Laws of 1953 a new section, section 5, (and to chapter 47.56 RCW) to read as follows: New section.

The Washington toll bridge authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized by resolution to issue and sell its revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay all the costs of construction of the new bridge and approaches thereto and the reconstruction and improvement of the existing bridge and approaches thereto, including all costs of survey, acquisition of rights of way, engineering, legal and incidental expenses, to pay the interest due thereon during the period beginning with the date of issue of the bonds and ending at the expiration of six months after the first imposition and collection of tolls from the users of said toll facility, and to pay amounts that will provide a reasonable sum for working capital and prepaid insurance and all costs incidental to the issuance and sale of the bonds. Revenue bonds.

Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this act, the provisions of chapter 47.56 RCW shall govern the issuance and sale of said revenue bonds, the execution thereof, the disbursement of the proceeds of sale thereof, the interest rate or rates thereon, their form, terms, conditions, covenants, negotiability, denominations, maturity date or dates, the creation of special funds or accounts safeguarding and providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon, and their manner of redemption and retirement.

Said revenue bonds shall constitute obligations only of the Washington toll bridge authority and shall be payable both principal and interest solely

from the tolls and revenues derived from the operation of said toll facility as hereinbefore constituted. Said bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the state of Washington and shall contain a recital on the face thereof to that effect, and shall be negotiable instruments under the law merchant. Such bonds shall include a covenant that the payment or redemption thereof and the interest thereon are secured by a first and direct charge and lien on all of the tolls and other revenues received from the operation of said toll facility and from any interest which may be earned from the deposit or investment of any such revenues, except for payment of costs of operation, maintenance and necessary repairs of said facility. The tolls and charges to be imposed shall be fixed in such amounts so that when collected they will produce revenues that shall be at least equal to expenses of operating, maintaining and repairing said toll facility, including all insurance costs, amounts for adequate reserves and coverage of annual debt service on said bonds, and all payments necessary to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon.

New section.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 132, Laws of 1953 a new section, section 6 (and to chapter 47.56 RCW) to read as follows:

47.56 RCW  
controlling  
law.

Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this act, the provisions of chapter 47.56 RCW shall govern and be controlling in all matters and things necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. Nothing in this act is intended to amend, alter, modify or repeal any of the provisions of any statute relating to the powers and duties of the Washington toll bridge authority except as such powers and duties are amplified or modified by the specific provisions of this act for the uses and purposes herein set forth, and this act shall be additional to such existing statutes and concurrent therewith.

Act additional  
to existing  
statutes.

If any sentence, clause or phrase of this act shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sentence, clause or phrase of this act. Severability.

The provisions of this act shall be liberally construed so that the uses and purposes hereof may be achieved and accomplished. Liberal construction.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the state and the support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House February 14, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 153.

[ H. B. 542. ]

### ELECTIONS—NOTICE—CERTIFICATION OF MEASURES.

AN ACT relating to elections; amending section 7, chapter 101, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.27.080; and repealing section 6, chapter 53, Laws of 1923 and RCW 29.27.070.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, chapter 101, Laws of 1951 and RCW 29.27.080 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Notice for any state, county, district, or municipal election, whether special or general, shall be given by at least one publication not more than ten nor less than three days prior to the election by the county auditor or the officer conducting the election as the case may be, in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the county. Said legal notice shall contain the title of each office under the proper party designation, the names and ad- Notice of election; publication.  
Requirements.