

CHAPTER 166.

[S. B. 352.]

TOLL BRIDGES—PARTICIPATION BY CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY.

AN ACT relating to the toll bridges; amending section 12, chapter 173, Laws of 1937, and RCW 47.56.250; providing that counties contiguous to counties in which a proposed toll bridge shall be erected, directly or indirectly benefited thereby, may at the request of the Washington state highway commission or the authority contribute money or bonds to the construction thereof; providing that the authority may at its discretion accept such bonds and sell them to obtain the funds for such purposes; and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 12, chapter 173, Laws of 1937, and RCW 47.56.250, are each amended to read as follows:

Toll bridge contributions authorized.

A city, county, or other political subdivision, or counties contiguous to a county or counties where a proposed toll bridge shall be erected, directly or indirectly benefited thereby, may, either jointly or separately, at the request of the Washington state highway commission or the authority advance or contribute money, or bonds, rights of way, labor, materials, and other property toward the expense of building a toll bridge, and for preliminary surveys and the preparation of plans and estimates of cost therefor and other preliminary expenses. Appropriations for such purposes may be made from any funds available, including county road funds received from or credited by the state, or funds obtained by the issuance of general obligation bonds for this purpose. General obligation bonds issued by a city, county, or political subdivision may with the consent of the state highway commission or the authority be placed with the Washington toll bridge authority to be sold by the authority to provide funds for such purpose. Money,

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or bonds or property so advanced or contributed may be immediately transferred or delivered to the authority to be used for the purpose for which contribution was made. The authority may enter into an agreement with a city, county, or other political subdivision to repay any money, or bonds or the value of a right of way, labor, materials, or other property so advanced or contributed: *Provided*, That no repayment shall be made until all obligations issued by the authority for the construction of the bridge are redeemed, the authority may continue to collect tolls and other revenues for the use of the bridge to defray costs of operation and maintenance; to reimburse the state for any expenditures made by it in connection with the bridge; and to repay to a city, county, or other political subdivision any amount the authority has agreed to repay for money, bonds, rights of way, labor, materials or other property so advanced or contributed.

Use.

Repayment.

Exceptions.

SEC. 2. That this act is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of this state and the support of the state government of the state of Washington and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate February 16, 1955.

Passed the House March 2, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.