CHAPTER 153.

[H. B. 689.]

HIGHWAYS: ACQUISITION OF BRIDGES IN HOQUIAM AND ABERDEEN.

An Acr authorizing acquisition by the State of Washington of all interest, share, right and title of the cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Grays Harbor county in and to certain bridges located on state highways, namely: the Wishkah river bridge in the city of Aberdeen, crossing the Wishkah river on state road No. 9; the Chehalis river bridge in the city of Aberdeen, crossing the Chehalis river on state road No. 13; the Simpson avenue bridge in the city of Hoquiam, crossing the Hoquiam river on state road No. 9; the Little Hoquiam river bridge in the city of Hoquiam, crossing the Little Hoquiam river on state road No. 9; providing methods for acquisition thereof and payment therefor, and providing for the operation and control of said bridges by the State of Washington, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

Section 1. The State of Washington, acting through the director of highways, is hereby author- Director of ized and directed to purchase, and the city of Aberdeen, a municipal corporation, and Grays Harbor county, one of the counties of said state are hereby authorized to sell unto said state all of their right, bridges, bridges, title and interest in and to two certain bridges; one known as the Wishkah river bridge located in the Description of bridges, location of Locat ton, crossing the Wishkah river on State Road No. 9; and one known as the Chehalis river bridge located in the city of Aberdeen, Grays Harbor county, Washington, crossing the Chehalis river on State Road No. 13: and the State of Washington, acting through the director of highways, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, and the city of Hoquiam, a municipal corporation, and Grays Harbor county, one of the counties of said state, are hereby authorized to sell unto said state all of their

right, title and interest in and to two certain bridges; one known as the Simpson avenue bridge located in the city of Hoquiam, Grays Harbor county, Washington, crossing the Hoquiam river on State Road No. 9, and one known as the Little Hoquiam river bridge located in the city of Hoquiam, Grays Harbor county, Washington, crossing the Little Hoquiam river on State Road No. 9, on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, said bridges being now owned by the said cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam and being operated and maintained by the said Grays Harbor county under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter 103, Laws of 1925 Extraordinary Session, as amended by chapter 99 of the Laws of 1931.

Director of highways.

Payment for bridges.

Wishkah river bridge and Chehalis river bridge,

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Attorney general prescribes form of . conveyance.

Sec. 2. The director of highways of the State of Washington is hereby authorized to pay to the city of Aberdeen from any funds appropriated therefor, or from any funds that may be available for the purpose of this act the sum of one dollar (\$1) each for the said Wishkah river bridge and the said Chehalis river bridge, said bridges being subject to certain bonded encumbrances, said encumbrances to be discharged by the State of Washington from any funds that may be appropriated by the legislature for the purpose of this act, said sale to be made only when authorized by an ordinance duly passed and approved by the city council of the city of Aberdeen and a resolution of the board of county commissioners of Gravs Harbor county, and said conveyance to be made to the State of Washington in such form as may be prescribed by the attorney general of said state, said conveyance to give to the State of Washington an indefeasible title to said bridges, free from all maintenance charges and all other encumbrances of whatsoever nature, except the unpaid bonded indebtedness now existing for the construction of said bridges.

Sec. 3. The director of highways of the State of Washington is hereby authorized to pay to the city Payment of Hoquiam from any funds appropriated therefor, or from any funds that may be available for the purpose of this act the sum of one dollar (\$1) each for the said Simpson avenue bridge and the said Little Hoquiam river bridge, said bridges being sub- simpson ject to certain bonded encumbrances, said encumbrances to be discharged by the State of Washington from any funds that may be appropriated by Little the legislature for the purpose of this act, said sale Hoquiam bridge to be made only when authorized by an ordinance duly passed and approved by the city council of the Authorizacity of Hoquiam and a resolution of the board of county commissioners of Grays Harbor county, and said conveyance to be made to the State of Washington in such form as may be prescribed by the at-Form of torney general of said state, said conveyance to give to the State of Washington an indefeasible title to said bridges, free from all maintenance charges and all other encumbrances of whatsoever nature, except the unpaid bonded indebtedness now existing for the construction of said bridges.

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Sec. 4. From and after the effective date of this act and the acceptance thereof by the director of highways and the city of Aberdeen and Grays Harbor county, and a conveyance by the said city of Aberdeen and Grays Harbor county of the said wishkah Wishkah river bridge and the said Chehalis river Chehalis bridge to the State of Washington as provided for herein, said bridges shall become the property of the State of Washington as a part of the state highway system, and the state, acting through the director of highways, shall at once assume and take charge of the operation, maintenance, repair and reconstruction of said bridges, and the cost thereof shall be paid in the same manner as the cost of maintenance and operation of other bridges and high-

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Simpson avenue and Little Hoquiam river bridges to become property of state.

Sec. 5. From and after the effective date of this act and the acceptance thereof by the director of highways and the city of Hoquiam and Gravs Harbor county, and a conveyance by the said city of Hoquiam and Grays Harbor county of the said Simpson avenue bridge and the said Little Hoquian river bridge to the State of Washington as provided for herein, said bridges shall become the property of the State of Washington as a part of the state highway system, and the state, acting through the director of highways, shall at once assume and take charge of the operation, maintenance, reconstruction and repair of said bridges, and the cost thereof shall be paid in the same manner as the cost of maintenance and operation of other bridges and highways of the State of Washington owned and maintained by said state.

Effective immediately.

Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and the support of its municipalities, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 10, 1935.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1935.