

CHAPTER 250.

[S. B. 158.]

TOLL BRIDGES.

AN ACT defining the policy of the State of Washington respecting toll bridges, providing for the regulation of existing toll bridges, providing for temporary permits to collect tolls under certain conditions, providing for the purchase or condemnation of toll bridges, repealing Sections 3016 to 3029, both inclusive, and Sections 2460 and 2471, both inclusive, of the Code of Washington Territory of 1881, repealing Chapters 93 of the Laws of 1919, 56 of the Laws of 1913, 22 of the Laws of 1915, 88 of the Laws of 1919, 167 of the Laws of 1923, 157 of the Laws of 1917, and 105 of the Laws of 1919, saving, however, all rights, privileges, duties and obligations now existing under any franchise or state permit heretofore granted under and by virtue of said chapters, repealing all other acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. The highway policy of this state shall be that all public highways within the state shall be free and open for public travel, and that the state shall hereafter regulate all tolls collected for use of any toll bridge on any state highway.

State highway policy.

Free highways.

State regulated toll bridges.

SEC. 2. Every person, firm or corporation operating any toll bridge on any state highway within the State of Washington under any existing franchise shall keep an accurate account of the cost of construction thereof and of the amount expended in keeping such toll bridge in repair and of the cost for operation and maintenance thereof, and shall, on or before March 15th in each year, file such statement for the preceding calendar year, verified by such person or by some member of such firm or by some officer of such corporation having knowledge of the facts, with the department of public works of the State of Washington. The department of public works of the State of Washington shall prescribe a

Toll bridge operators to file annual statement of construction costs, receipts and expenditures.

Department of public works to prescribe

uniform system of accounts for toll bridges.

uniform system of accounts for all such toll bridges, and the manner in which the account of costs of construction, repair, operation and maintenance thereof and the annual statement of expenditures and revenues shall be kept, and shall prescribe the forms of such reports required under this act. The department of public works of the State of Washington shall have power and authority to make orders and to prescribe rules and regulations with respect to toll bridges in conformity with this act.

Make rules for toll bridges.

Temporary routing of travel over private bridge necessary.

SEC. 3. Whenever in the opinion of the state highway committee of the State of Washington an emergency exists which requires the temporary routing of public travel over any private bridge or structure across any stream within the State of Washington or between this state and any adjoining state, said state highway committee may by due resolution authorize the issuance of any temporary written permit or permits, upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe and revocable at the will of said state highway committee, to the owner or owners of such bridge or structure to charge tolls in such amounts and for such period or periods of time as may in each instance be fixed by said state highway committee.

Permit to owner to charge tolls.

Fixing rate.

State may by purchase or eminent domain acquire toll bridges.

SEC. 4. The State of Washington is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase or to acquire by condemnation in the manner provided by law any toll bridge or toll bridges within the State of Washington whenever any legislative appropriation or appropriations be made therefor in advance.

Counties may acquire toll bridges.

SEC. 5. Any county in this state is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase or to acquire by condemnation in the manner provided by law any toll bridge or toll bridges within the limits of such county, and any two or more counties are hereby authorized to purchase or to acquire by condemna-

tion in the manner provided by law for acquisition of real estate by a county and by appropriate action in the superior court of either of said counties, any toll bridge or toll bridges over any stream which is a boundary line between such counties; *Provided, further,* That the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of this act shall not apply to any railroad bridge heretofore conducted as such and now being used in interstate commerce by any common carrier transcontinental railway system.

Procedure.

Interstate
railroad
bridges
excepted.

SEC. 6. That sections 3016 to 3029, both inclusive, and sections 2460 to 2471, both inclusive, of the Code of Washington Territory of 1881 (sections 6571 to 6584, both inclusive, and sections 6587 to 6597, both inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 6188 to 6201, both inclusive, and sections 7633 to 7640, both inclusive, and sections 7642, 7643 and 7644 of Pierce's Code), and, subject to the saving clause hereinafter provided chapter 93 of the Laws of 1919, pages 226-228, (sections 6441 to 6446 of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 564-5 to 564-10 of Pierce's Code); chapter 56 of the Laws of 1913, pages 168-175, (sections 6524 to 6539, both inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 538 to 552, both inclusive of Pierce's Code); chapter 22 of the Laws of 1915, pages 49-53, (sections 6539½ to 6546, both inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 553 to 560, both inclusive, of Pierce's Code); chapter 88 of the Laws of 1919, pages 203-204; chapter 167 of the Laws of 1923, pages 537-538; chapter 157 of the Laws of 1917, pages 708-709, (sections 6547 to 6550, both inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 561 to 564, both inclusive, of Pierce's Code); chapter 105 of the Laws of 1919, pages 256-257, (sections 6551 to 6554, both inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 564-1 to 564-4, both inclusive, of

Statutes
repealed.

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Pierce's Code), also all other acts and parts of acts in conflict with any of the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That all of the rights, privileges, duties and obligations now existing under any franchises or state permit heretofore granted under and by virtue of the provisions of said chapter 93 of the Laws of 1919, chapter 56 of the Laws of 1913, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1915, chapter 88 of the Laws of 1919, chapter 167 of the Laws of 1923, chapter 157 of the Laws of 1917, and chapter 105 of the Laws of 1919, shall not be affected by the foregoing repeal, but shall continue in full force and effect: *And provided further*, That this act shall not affect any franchise for the construction of any toll bridge to be built or constructed entirely within incorporated cities or towns other than those now located on a line of a state highway.

Franchises excepted.

Emergency.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1927.

Passed the House March 9, 1927.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 251.

[S. B. 286.]

CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO T. G. LAWSON.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the Governor to reconvey certain premises secured to straighten and otherwise improve State Road No. 2 in Spokane County, Washington.

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

Authority quit claim to T. G. Lawson.

SECTION 1. That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to convey in the name of the State of Washington, by quit claim deed, to T. G. Lawson of Spokane county, Washington, the