

may be necessary to defray the expense of making cruises of said timber lands as said committee may deem necessary, and the administrative expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House February 9, 1923.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1923.

CHAPTER 166.

[H. B. 212.]

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-STATE BRIDGE.

AN ACT providing for the purchase by the state of all the interest of Clarke County in and to the interstate bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver, and the operation and maintenance of said bridge by the state.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the bonds issued by Clarke county for the construction of the interstate bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver shall have been fully paid with the exception of not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of bonds, the state highway committee shall be authorized to purchase from Clarke county, in the name of the State of Washington, with moneys appropriated for that purpose, all the interest of Clarke county in and to said bridge and to apply said purchase money to the liquidation and cancellation of any outstanding bonds and any accrued interest thereon: *Provided*, that the state highway committee shall not purchase the interest of Clarke county in said bridge until it shall have first entered into

State highway committee may purchase interest of Clarke county.

an understanding and agreement with the proper authorities of the State of Oregon or the county of Multnomah having charge of the maintenance and operation of said bridge, that the same shall be maintained and operated without the imposition and collection of tolls for pedestrians, horse-drawn vehicles and privately-owned motor vehicles.

Election to determine sale.

SEC. 2. At the general election to be held in Clarke county on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1924, there shall be submitted to the electors of the county the proposition of authorizing the sale of the interest of Clarke county in and to the interstate bridge at Vancouver, to the State of Washington, for not to exceed \$250,000, by printing upon all official ballots to be used in said county at said election the following:

Shall the interstate bridge be sold to the state? Yes

Shall the interstate bridge be sold to the state? No

The ballots cast on such proposition shall be counted and canvassed in the manner provided by law and the result thereof certified by the canvassing board to the board of county commissioners of Clarke county and made a part of the records of the board. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question be "yes" it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of Clarke county, upon the election of the state highway committee to purchase the interest of Clarke county in said bridge and upon the payment of the purchase price, or cancellation of said remaining bonds, to convey to the state all interest of Clarke county in and to said bridge by a duly executed instrument of conveyance in such form as the attorney general may prescribe.

Operated without tolls.

SEC. 3. From and after the time when the state shall acquire from Clarke county its interest in said

interstate bridge, the same shall be maintained and operated by the state, in conjunction with the proper authorities of the State of Oregon or the county of Multnomah without the imposition and collection of tolls from pedestrians, horse-drawn vehicles or privately-owned motor vehicles, but the state may impose and collect such tolls for the use of such bridge by street and interurban railways, auto transportation companies, and motor vehicles operated for hire as the state highway committee and the proper authorities of the State of Oregon or the county of Multnomah may prescribe.

Passed the House February 28, 1923.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1923.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 167.

[H. B. 156.]

INTERSTATE BRIDGES.

AN ACT relating to interstate bridges and amending section 6545 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6545 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6545. In case any county is obligated to pay any bonded indebtedness for the construction of any such interstate [interstate] bridge and so long as any part of the principal or interest of such bonded indebtedness remains unpaid, fifty per cent (50%) of all moneys accruing to such county from the tolls shall be placed in a separate fund in the county treasury to be known as the interstate bridge fund and

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 6545;
Pierce's Code
§ 559.

Toll monies,
how disposed
of.