

## CHAPTER 125.

[ H. B. 375. ]

HIGHWAYS—TRANSFER OF UNUSED PORTIONS  
TO COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to state highways; providing for the transfer to the counties of unused portions of such highways lying outside of cities and towns; amending section 10, chapter 187, Laws of 1937 (section 6450-10, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 608-3); and declaring an emergency.

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

Amend-  
ments.

SECTION 1. Section 10, chapter 187, Laws of 1937 (section 6450-10, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 608-3), is amended to read as follows:

Transfer of  
unused state  
highways to  
counties.

Section 10. All public highways in this state, outside incorporated cities and towns and not designated as primary state highways that have been used as public highways for a period of not less than seven years prior to the effective date of this act and are now so used, where the same have been worked and kept up at the expense of the public, and all public highways outside of incorporated cities and towns and not designated as primary state highways that may at any time hereafter be and for a period of not less than seven years prior thereto have been so used and the same worked and kept up at the expense of the public, are hereby declared to be lawful county roads within the meaning and intent of the laws governing public highways in this state. All public highways in this state, outside incorporated cities and towns and not designated as primary state highways that have been used as public highways for a period of not less than ten years prior to the effective date of this act and all public highways in this state outside of incorporated cities and towns and not designated as primary state highways or secondary state highways that may at any time here-

after be and for a period of not less than ten years prior thereto have been used as public highways, are hereby declared to be lawful county roads within the meaning and intent of the laws governing public highways in this state. All public highways in this state which have been a part of the route of a primary state highway or secondary state highway and have been or may hereafter be no longer necessary as such shall, upon certification thereof by the Director of Highways to the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which any portion of such highway may be located henceforth, be and become a county road of such county, and upon such certification the Director of Highways may certify to the Governor the abandonment of such highways, giving a description thereof, and the Governor may execute and the Secretary of State shall attest and deliver to such county a deed of conveyance on behalf of the state to such abandoned highways or portions thereof.

Conveyance  
to counties.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Effective  
immediately.

Passed the House March 1, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.