

## CHAPTER 78.

[S. B. 67.]

PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF BRIDGE ACROSS THE  
COLUMBIA AT WENATCHEE.

AN ACT for the purchase of the highway bridge across the Columbia river at Wenatchee, Washington, by the State of Washington, from the Washington Bridge Company, providing means, method and time of payment therefor and the manner of future maintenance and supervision thereof, and making an appropriation for said purchase.

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

SECTION 1. The State Highway Board of the State of Washington is hereby empowered and directed to purchase from the Washington Bridge Company at once the highway bridge across the Columbia river at Wenatchee: *Provided*, That said bridge shall first be examined and tested to the satisfaction of said State Highway Board, and the title thereto shall first be examined and approved by the Attorney General.

Highway  
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purchase.

SEC. 2. Said State Highway Board shall pay for said bridge the actual cost of construction thereof, plus six per cent interest, to be computed from the time money has actually been paid out by said bridge company, up to the date of the transfer thereof, less the amount actually paid toward the construction of said bridge by citizens of Wenatchee: *Provided*, That the amount to be paid therefor by the State of Washington shall not exceed the amount of the appropriation hereinafter made.

Actual cost.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of determining the cost of construction of said bridge the State Highway Board shall examine the original vouchers of the Washington Bridge Company, and may employ such other means as they may deem necessary.

Cost, how  
determined.

SEC. 4. Said purchase shall be made subject to a contract heretofore entered into between the Washington Bridge Company and the Wenatchee Canal Company whereby the latter is given a perpetual right to lay two

Purchase  
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rights.

pipe lines, each of 36 inches internal diameter, over, or suspended from said bridge, for the purpose of carrying water for irrigating lands on the east side of the Columbia river, in Douglas county: *Provided, however,* That so long as its pipe line shall be carried upon said bridge, the Wenatchee Canal Company shall be liable for and shall pay one-third of the necessary expense for the maintenance of said bridge.

Free bridge. SEC. 5. From the time said bridge becomes the property of the State of Washington it shall be and remain free from all charges or tolls for highway crossings, and shall be and remain a portion of the public highways of the state, and shall be maintained in the same manner as all other state highways, under general provisions of law.

Franchises. SEC. 6. The State Highway Board is hereby authorized and empowered to grant franchises for the laying of rails and other necessary facilities for a single railway track across said bridge, and the operation thereon of street and suburban railways, and for the laying thereon or suspending therefrom pipes for the carrying of water, gas and other substances, and wires and cables for the conducting of electricity for telegraph, telephone, lighting, power, heating and other purposes, but no such franchise shall be exclusive nor shall any preference be granted thereunder. Any street or suburban railway laying rails and other necessary railway facilities thereon shall do so at its own expense, but said rails and other necessary railway facilities shall thereupon become the property of the State of Washington, and shall be maintained and replaced at the joint expense of all lines using the same. Said franchise or franchises shall require such payment or compensation as the said State Highway Board may deem equitable, without preference or discrimination, and all such payments shall be made into the public highway fund of the state.

Railways.

Appropriation \$190,000. SEC. 7. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the sum of \$190,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the state

highway fund, against which fund warrants shall be issued therefor: *Provided, however,* That none of said warrants shall be issued before the issuance and sale of the bonds hereinafter provided for. To make or replace in said fund the amount necessary for payment of such warrants, state coupon bonds to the amount of \$190,000, payable to bearer, are hereby authorized to be issued bearing interest at the rate not to exceed 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to run for twelve years, save that any of said bonds may be redeemed upon any interest date upon call of the State Auditor, and that not less than ten per cent of said bonds shall be redeemed annually, beginning with the biennial term of the year 1911, and be payable, principal and interest, out of the state highway fund. Such bonds shall be numbered in series, consecutive numbers from 1 upwards, be issued in the denominations of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each and shall each contain upon its face the date of issue, the number, the rate of interest, into what fund the proceeds are to be paid, where payable, time to run and the provision for redemption. Such bonds shall be signed by the Governor and attested by the Secretary of State under the seal of the state and countersigned and registered by the State Auditor and shall be offered for sale by the Governor and State Auditor. The coupons shall be authenticated by the facsimile signatures of the Governor and Secretary of State and be payable to bearer, and need not be under seal. Such bonds shall not be sold by the state at less than par and upon sale the proceeds shall be turned into the state highway fund. Such bonds shall be a valid and binding indebtedness against the state; and shall be redeemed in numerical order; and any such bonds outstanding and not redeemed at the expiration of twelve years from the date thereof, shall be paid out of the state general fund.

Bonds.

Denomination  
of bonds.

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