as an associate member to distinguish him from other members of the association who shall be known as active members. Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except that of voting.

(e) Any association organized under the provisions of this act may purchase the stock or the membership of any associate member with any available funds of the association, whether surplus or not.

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CHAPTER 103.

[H. B. 189.]

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES.

An Acr relating to bridges in cities and towns in second and third class counties.

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

SECTION 1. Any bridge across navigable waters or streams, now constructed or which may hereafter be constructed within the corporate limits of any city or town in second or third class counties of the State of Washington, which bridge is essential to the highway system of such county, may be operated, maintained and repaired by and at the expense of the county as provided in this act.

SEC. 2. At any general election or any special election called for that purpose, the board of county commissioners of any such county may, or on petition of ten per cent of the qualified electors of such county, based on the total vote cast in the next pre-

Bridges within city limits across navigable streams.

Essential to highway system.

County may maintain and repair.

Election.

Petition.

Associate

Purchase of

stock by association.

ceding general county election, shall, by resolution, submit to the voters of such county a proposition of operation, maintenance and repair of such bridges by and at the expense of the county. Such petition shall be filed with the county auditor who shall Filing within fifteen days examine the signatures thereon and certify to the sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition in accordance with the requirements of this act, and for such purpose the county auditor shall have access to all registration books in the possession of officers of any incorporated city or town in Amendment of petition. such county. If the petition be found to be insufficient it shall be returned to the persons filing the same, who may amend or add names thereto for a period of ten days, when same may be returned to the county auditor, who shall have an additional fifteen days to examine the same and attach his certificate thereto. No person having signed such peti-^{Withdrawal} tion shall be allowed to withdraw his name therefrom ^{from} petition. after the filing of the same with the county auditor. Whenever such petition shall be certified by the county auditor as sufficient he shall forthwith trans- Certifying of petition mit the same with his certificate of sufficiency at to county mit the same with his certificate of sufficiency attached thereto to the board of county commissioners, who shall submit such proposition to the voters at the next biennial election, or, if such petition so requests, the board of county commissioners shall at When election on their first meeting after the presentation to them of proposition. such petition, by resolution, call a special election to be held not less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of such meeting. The manner of conducting and voting, notices, officials, qualification of electors, opening and closing of polls, keeping the poll lists, canvassing the votes, declaring the result and certifying the returns shall be the same as provided by law for the general biennial county election. The notices of such election shall state the proposi- Notices of election. tion to be voted upon, and in submitting the question

commissioners.

to the voters for their approval or rejection the proposition shall be spread upon the ballot in substantially the following form:

Shall the county of maintain, operate and repair at its own cost and ex-Yes 🗖 pense such bridges across navigable waters or streams within the corporate limits of all cities and towns in said county, as are No essential to the highway system of said county?

SEC. 3. If a majority of the voters at such election shall vote in favor of the proposition submitted with respect to such bridges, the board of county commissioners shall, at its next regular meeting following the canvass of the returns of such election. create and establish a fund from which shall be paid the expenses of operation, maintenance and repair of such bridges. The board shall at said meeting adopt a resolution that the county is ready to assume the operation, maintenance and repair of such bridges, and shall forthwith transmit a copy of such resolution to the city council of each city in which such a bridge is located, and thereafter the county shall assume the operation, maintenance and repair of such bridges, and for that purpose may issue warrants against such fund, such warrants to be taken up and paid in the regular order of their issuance when there is sufficient money in said fund therefor. Such board of county commissioners shall thereafter each year. at the time of preparing the budget for the next succeeding year, provide for the expense of operation, maintenance and repair of such bridges and shall levy a tax for such purpose on all the taxable property of the county not exceeding one and onehalf mills in any one year.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing any county to construct or build any bridge or bridges within the corporate limits of any city or town.

Ballot.

Creation of fund for maintenance of bridges.

City councils to be notified by county commissioners

Warrants.

Budgeting bridge expense.

Tax levy limit.

County may not build bridge.

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SEC. 5. Whenever any city or town located in City may not build any second or third class county of the State of Washington shall hereafter desire to construct any bridge over any navigable waters or streams in such plans. city or town, the city or town officials shall submit plans and specifications thereof to the state highway engineer, and no such bridge shall hereafter be constructed except in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the state highway engineer.

state highway engineer

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CHAPTER 104.

[H. B. 195.]

RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF GUARDIANSHIP ESTATES.

AN ACT relating to probate procedure and guardians for minors. insane and incompetent persons.

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

SECTION 1. At any time after the issuance of let- special ters of guardianship in the estate of any minor, in- written to sane or incompetent person, any person interested in said estate, or in such minor, insane or in- in the ad-ministration. competent person, or any relative of such minor, insane or incompetent person, or any authorized representative of any agency, bureau, or department of the United States government from or through which any compensation, insurance, pension or other benefit is being paid, or is payable, may serve upon such guardian, or upon the attorney for such guardian, and file with the clerk of the court wherein the administration of such guardianship estate is pending, a written request stating that spe-

written parties interested of