

CHAPTER 140.

[S. B. 277.]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS—FINANCES—
COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT relating to public utility districts; amending sections 5 and 7, chapter 124, Laws of 1955 and RCW 54.24.010 and 54.12.080.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, chapter 124, Laws of 1955 and RCW 54.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 54.24.010 amended.

The treasurer of the county in which a utility district is located shall be ex officio treasurer of the district: *Provided*, That the commission by resolution may designate some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the utility district. The commission may, and if the treasurer is not the county treasurer it shall, require a bond, with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Washington, in an amount which the commission by resolution finds will protect the district against loss, conditioned that all funds which the treasurer receives will be faithfully kept and accounted for, and for the faithful discharge of his duties. The amount of such bond may be changed from time to time as the commission by resolution may direct. The premium on any such bond shall be paid by the district.

Treasurer—
Bond—Duties
—Funds—De-
positaries.

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All district funds shall be paid to the treasurer and shall be disbursed by him only on warrants issued by an auditor appointed by the commission, upon orders or vouchers approved by it. The treasurer shall establish a public utility district fund, into which shall be paid all district funds, and he shall maintain such special funds as may be created by the commission, into which he shall place all money as the commission may, by resolution, direct.

Public utility district—
Treasurer—
Bond—Duties—
Funds—
Depositaries.

If the treasurer of the district is the treasurer of the county all district funds shall be deposited with the county depositaries under the same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county depositaries; if the treasurer of the district is some other person, all funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks authorized to do business in this state as the commission by resolution shall designate, and with surety bond to the district or securities in lieu thereof of the kind, no less in amount, as provided in RCW 36.48.020 for deposit of county funds.

Such surety bond or collateral shall be filed or deposited with the secretary of the district, and approved by resolution of the commission.

All interest collected on district funds shall belong to the district and be deposited to its credit in the proper district funds.

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A district may provide and require a reasonable bond of the treasurer or any other person handling moneys or securities of the district: *Provided*, That the district pays the premium thereon.

RCW 54.12.080 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 5, chapter 124, Laws of 1955 and RCW 54.12.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Commissioners. Compensation and expenses.

District commissioners shall serve without compensation, except that a district may provide by resolution for the payment of compensation to each of its commissioners at a rate not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day or major part thereof devoted to the business of the district, and days upon which he attends meetings of the commission of his own district or meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more districts called to consider business common to them: *Provided*, That the total compensation paid to such commissioner during any one year shall not exceed three thousand five hundred dollars. Also, any district providing group insurance for its employees, covering them, their immediate family and dependents, may provide

Proviso.

insurance for its commissioners with the same coverage: *Provided*, That commissioners may not be compensated for services performed of ministerial or professional nature. Each commissioner shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with such business and meetings, including his subsistence and lodging and travel while away from his place of residence. Proviso.

Passed the Senate February 23, 1957.

Passed the House March 10, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1957.

CHAPTER 141.

[S. B. 235.]

TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY—LOPEZ ISLAND— SAN JUAN ISLAND.

AN ACT relating to the Washington toll bridge authority; making an appropriation for feasibility studies, design, and construction if feasible, of a toll bridge between Lopez Island and San Juan Island; providing for the financing of such bridge by bond issue.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Washington toll bridge authority from the motor vehicle fund the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as thereafter may be necessary for the following purposes:

(1) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the appropriation shall be available to study and make surveys, including traffic studies acceptable to prospective bond purchasers or investment firms, of the feasibility of the construction of a toll bridge between Lopez Island and San Juan Island in San Juan county so as to permit ferry runs from the mainland to Upright Head, overland travel from Upright Head to Roche Harbor, and ferry runs from Roche Har-

Appropriation to toll bridge authority.

Purposes.

Lopez Island
—San Juan
Island bridge.