

result conforming as nearly as practicable to the requirements of said section 10, as amended, (section 7427, Remington's Revised Statutes), shall be made covering both regular and absentee votes.

Effective
immediately.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 24, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1945.

CHAPTER 266.

[H. B. 343.]

WASHINGTON TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY.

AN ACT relating to toll bridges; relating to the powers and duties of the Washington Toll Bridge Authority and certain officers; authorizing the purchase and operation of toll bridges, highway and ferry connections and approaches thereto; providing for issuance and sale of bonds and the conditions, terms and redemption thereof; providing for the deposit and use of certain funds and revenues; and amending chapter 173, Laws of 1937, by adding a new section thereto to be known as section 3A.

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

Amend-
ment.

SECTION 1. Chapter 173, Laws of 1937, is amended by adding thereto a new section following section 3, to be designated section 3A, which shall read as follows:

Section 3A. (a) The Washington Toll Bridge Authority, whenever it is considered necessary or advantageous and practicable, is empowered to provide for the acquisition by purchase of, and to acquire by purchase, (1) any bridge or bridges or ferries which connect with or may be connected with the public highways of this state, and (2) together with approaches thereto.

(b) In connection with the acquisition by purchase of any bridge or bridges or ferries pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Washington Toll Bridge Authority, the Director of Highways, the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, any city, county or other political subdivision of this state, and all said officers—

(1) are empowered and required to do all acts and things as in this act provided for the establishing and constructing of toll bridges and operating, financing and maintaining such bridges in so far as such powers and requirements are applicable to the purchase of any bridge or bridges or ferries and their operation, financing and maintenance; and

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(2) in purchasing, operating, financing and maintaining any bridge or bridges or ferries acquired or to be acquired by purchase pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall act in the same manner and under the same procedures as are provided in this act for the establishing, constructing, operating, financing and maintaining of toll bridges in so far as such manner and procedure are applicable to the purchase of any bridge or bridges or ferries and their operation, financing and maintenance.

(c) Without limiting the generality of the provisions contained in subsections (a) and (b) hereof, the Washington Toll Bridge Authority is empowered

(1) to cause surveys to be made for the purpose of investigating the propriety of acquiring by purchase any such bridge or bridges or ferries and the right of way necessary or proper for said bridge or bridges or ferries, and other facilities necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; (2) to issue, sell and redeem bonds and to deposit and pay out the proceeds of said bonds for the financing thereof; (3) to collect, deposit, and expend tolls therefrom; (4) to secure and remit financial and other assistance in the purchase thereof; and (5) to carry insurance thereon.

(d) The provisions of section 13 of this act shall apply when any such bridge or bridges or ferries are acquired by purchase pursuant to this section.

Passed the House March 2, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1945.

CHAPTER 267.

[H. B. 494.]

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT relating to state government; creating a Department of Transportation and a Department of Public Utilities; providing for the appointment of directors thereof and prescribing their powers and duties; abolishing the Department of Public Service; creating funds and abolishing the Public Service Revolving Fund; providing for the transfer of property and business of such department to the departments created by this act, and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1945.

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

Creation of
Departments
of Transporta-
tion and
Public
Utilities.

SECTION 1. There are hereby created two departments of state government which shall be known, respectively, as the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Utilities. The chief executive officer of the Department of Transportation shall be designated the Director of Transportation and the chief executive officer of the Department of Public Utilities shall be designated the Director of Public Utilities. Each such director shall be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor. If the Senate be not in session when this act takes effect or if a vacancy occur while the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the Senate, when he shall present to the Senate his nomination or nominations for the offices to be filled.