

CHAPTER 157.

[S. B. 322.]

STREET RAILWAYS OVER INTERSTATE BRIDGES.

AN ACT authorizing cities and towns in the State of Washington to grant to the board of county commissioners of any county in this state joining in the construction or operation of any interstate bridge, or to any other public authority of this state, joining in the operation of any such interstate bridge, a part of which or the approaches thereto are within any such city or town, the right to lay and maintain street car tracks over such portions of the streets constituting the approaches to such interstate bridge or used in connection therewith, and conferring upon such public authorities the right to control the use of such railway tracks and to grant the right to use the same to persons, municipalities or corporations operating over such interstate bridge or other street car companies operating over such tracks.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever any interstate bridge has been or may hereafter be constructed over any navigable river, stream or body of water which constitutes or forms the boundary line of this state or any county therein jointly with any state or county of an adjoining state, and any portion of such interstate bridge or the approaches thereto are within the limits of any incorporated city or town within this state, the city council of any such city or town shall have the power and authority to grant, by resolution to the board of county commissioners of any county in this state joining in the construction or operation of any such interstate bridge or any other public authority of this state joining in the operation of any interstate bridge, the right to lay and maintain street railway tracks in such streets of any such city or town as may constitute a part of or be used in connection with the approach or approaches to any such interstate bridge, with the power and right to construct and erect the necessary poles and trolley lines to be used in connection with such tracks.

SEC. 2. That in granting the right to lay and maintain street car tracks as provided in section one (1) of

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this act such city or town may prescribe in such resolution the manner in which such street car tracks may be laid and maintained.

SEC. 3. That whenever in the construction of any interstate bridge the public authorities constructing such bridge have as a part of the construction provided such bridge and the approaches thereto with street car tracks and other conveniences for the use and operation of street cars over such interstate bridge, and whenever any county or other public authority in this state joining in the construction or operation of such bridge has constructed and is maintaining street car tracks and other conveniences for the use and operation of street cars in any incorporated city or town of this state, as provided in section 1 of this act, the board of county commissioners of any county in this state, or other public authorities of this state, joining in the construction or operation of any such interstate bridge or in the construction and maintenance of any street car tracks in the streets and approaches to such bridge are authorized and empowered to grant to corporations, persons or municipalities operating over such interstate bridge or operating street cars over the tracks on the approaches or streets used in connection therewith, the right to use such railway tracks on such terms as may be prescribed: *Provided*, That no franchise or right shall be given to any person, corporation or municipality for the exclusive use of any such tracks, but the right to operate over the same or any portion thereof shall be a common use for all municipalities, corporations or individuals desiring to use the same on such terms as may be prescribed.

Use of street railway tracks on interstate bridges.

Exclusive franchises prohibited.

SEC. 4. In granting the right to use any street car tracks constructed under the provisions of this act or the right to operate over the same to any person, municipality or corporation the public authorities granting such right may prescribe the terms and conditions under which such person, municipality or corporation may use or operate over the same, and may act jointly with any state or

Joint franchise by interstate authorities.

county of an adjoining state or county which has joined in the construction or operation of any such interstate bridge, in granting the right to use such tracks to persons, municipalities or corporations operating over such interstate bridge.

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CHAPTER 158.

[S. B. 302.]

JOINT COUNTY FERRIES.

AN ACT relating to the purchase, construction, maintenance and operation of ferries on the boundary line between two counties, and providing that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever a river, lake or other body of water is on the boundary line between two counties in this state, the boards of county commissioners of the counties adjoining such stream or body of water may construct, purchase, equip, maintain and operate a ferry across such river, lake or other body of water, when such ferry shall connect the county roads or other public highways of their respective counties. All costs and expenses of constructing, purchasing, maintaining and operating such ferry shall be paid by the two counties, each paying such proportion thereof as shall be agreed upon by the boards of county commissioners.

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SEC. 2. In order to carry out the provisions of section one of this act, the boards of county commissioners of the two counties shall meet in joint session at the county seat of one of the counties interested, and shall elect one of their members as chairman of the joint board of commissioners, who shall act as such chairman during the remainder of his term of office, and, at the expiration of his

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