

CHAP. 463.—An Act Authorizing the Postmaster General to establish a uniform system of registration of mail matter, and for other purposes.

May 1, 1928.
[H. R. 11279.]
[Public, No. 323.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3927 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (section 384, title 39, United States Code), as amended by section 209 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (Forty-third Statutes at Large, page 1058), be, and the same is hereby, amended further to read as follows:

“Mail matter shall be registered on the application of the party posting the same, and the fees chargeable therefor, in addition to the regular postage, shall be, in all cases, prepaid as follows:

Postal Service.
Registered mail.
R. S., sec. 3927, p. 763.
U. S. Code, p. 1259.
Vol. 43, p. 1068,
amended.

Application, and indemnity fees.

“For registry indemnity not exceeding \$50, 15 cents.

Rates.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$50 and not exceeding \$100, 20 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$100 and not exceeding \$200, 30 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$200 and not exceeding \$300, 40 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$300 and not exceeding \$400, 50 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$400 and not exceeding \$500, 60 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$600, 70 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$600 and not exceeding \$700, 80 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$700 and not exceeding \$800, 90 cents.

“For registry indemnity exceeding \$800 and not exceeding \$1,000, \$1.

“All such fees shall be accounted for in such manner as the Postmaster General shall direct.”

SEC. 2. That the provision of section 3 of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, and for other purposes,” approved July 5, 1884 (Twenty-third Statutes at Large, page 158, section 321, title 39, United States Code), with respect to the registration of official matter of the executive departments, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph, as follows:

Free registration of official mail.
Vol. 23, p. 158, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1256.

“*Provided further,* That any official domestic letter or parcel to be registered by any executive department or bureau thereof, or independent Government institution, located at Washington, District of Columbia, or by the Public Printer, which requires registration may be registered without the payment of any registry fee.”

Additional offices, etc., included.

SEC. 3. The Act of February 27, 1897 (chapter 340, Twenty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 599), providing limited indemnity for loss of registered mail matter, and the Act of March 3, 1903 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 1174, section 381, title 39, United States Code), fixing such indemnity at not exceeding \$100, and that portion of the Act of March 4, 1911 (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, page 1337, section 383, title 39, United States Code), making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department and for other purposes and providing indemnity for the loss of third and fourth class domestic registered matter, are amended to read as follows:

Indemnity for loss of first-class mail.
Vol. 29, p. 599.
Vol. 32, p. 1174.
U. S. Code, p. 1259.
Third and fourth class mail.
Vol. 36, p. 1337.
U. S. Code, p. 1259.

“For the greater security of valuable mail matter the Postmaster General may establish a uniform system of registration, and as a part of such system he may provide rules under which the senders or owners of any registered matter shall be indemnified for loss,

Uniform system of registration and indemnity therefor to be established.

rifing, or damage thereof in the mails, the indemnity to be paid out of the postal revenues, but in no case to exceed \$1,000 for any one registered piece, or the actual value thereof when that is less than \$1,000, and for which no other compensation or reimbursement to the loser has been made, the amount of such indemnity to be fixed by the Postmaster General."

Approved, May 1, 1928.

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[H. R. 11583.]
[Public, No. 329.]

CHAP. 464.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the White River at or near Cotter, Arkansas.

White River.
Arkansas may
bridge, at Cotter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State Highway Commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across White River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Cotter, Arkansas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient (1) to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches; (2) the interest on borrowed money necessarily required and financing charges necessarily incurred in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches; and (3) to provide a sinking fund sufficient to retire the bonds issued and sold in connection with such original construction. All revenues received from the bridge shall be applied to the foregoing purposes, and no bonds issued in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches shall be made to mature later than twenty years after the date of issue thereof.

Maturity of bonds limited, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge on retirement of bonds.

Record of expenditures, receipts, etc.

After a fund sufficient to retire such bonds in accordance with their provisions shall have been so provided, the bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated as a free highway bridge upon which no tolls shall be charged. An accurate and itemized record of the original cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, the interest charges paid, and the tolls charged and the daily revenues received from the bridge, shall be kept by the State Highway Commission of Arkansas, and shall be available at all reasonable times for the information of all persons interested.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 1, 1928.

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[H. R. 11625.]
[Public, No. 330.]

CHAP. 465.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Montana, Valley County, Montana, and Garfield County, Montana, or to any or either of them, jointly or severally, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Montana.

Missouri River.
Ante, p. 111, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the State of Montana, Valley County, Montana, and McCone County, Montana, or to any or either of them, jointly or severally, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Missouri River at or near