

Applicability of civil-service laws, etc., to appointments of acting postmasters.

Length of appointments.

the office of postmaster, or be reappointed thereto, in the event the office is being conducted at the time by an acting postmaster: *Provided further*, That appointments of acting postmasters to serve during absences of regular postmasters on leave granted pursuant to the terms of this Act shall be made in accordance with the civil-service laws, rules, and regulations, and such appointments may continue until the return to duty of the regular postmaster or until it has been determined that the regular postmaster will not return to duty."

Approved, December 6, 1940.

[CHAPTER 928]

AN ACT

December 16, 1940
[S. 3765]
[Public, No. 888]

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, and for other purposes.

Columbia River.
Time extended for bridging, at Astoria, Oreg.

48 Stat. 949; 49 Stat. 1066, 1104; 50 Stat. 563; 52 Stat. 445; 53 Stat. 1206.

Repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, authorized to be built by the Oregon-Washington Bridge Board of Trustees by an Act of Congress approved June 13, 1934, as amended, as heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved August 30, 1935, January 27, 1936, August 5, 1937, May 26, 1938, and August 5, 1939, are further extended one and three years, respectively, from June 13, 1940.

SEC. 2. That so much of section 4 of the Act approved June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 949, 950), which reads as follows: "or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management", is hereby repealed.

Right reserved.

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

Approved, December 16, 1940.

[CHAPTER 929]

AN ACT

December 16, 1940
[S. 3934]
[Public, No. 889]

Authorizing the State of Michigan, acting through The International Bridge Authority of Michigan, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, across the Saint Marys River, from a point in or near the city of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, to a point in the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Saint Marys River.
Bridge authorized across, at Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the State of Michigan, acting through The International Bridge Authority of Michigan, or the successors to said authority, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, across the Saint Marys River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, from a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in or near the city of Sault Sainte Marie, in the State of Michigan, to a point in the Province of Ontario, Canada, in accordance with the provisions of an 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, and subject to the approval of the proper authorities in the Dominion of Canada.

(b) There is hereby conferred upon the State of Michigan and The International Bridge Authority of Michigan, or the successors to said authority, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Michigan needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations, or bridge authorities, or the State of Michigan, for bridge purposes in the State of Michigan, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Right to acquire real estate, etc.

(c) The State of Michigan, acting through The International Bridge Authority of Michigan, or the successors to said authority, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, and the rates of toll shall be so fixed and adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating such bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed forty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of such bridge, or series of bridges, causeways, and approaches thereto, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Toll charges.

Application of tolls to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge after amortizing costs, etc.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right reserved.

Approved, December 16, 1940.

[CHAPTER 930]

AN ACT

To legalize the construction by the State Highway Board of Georgia of a free highway bridge across the Withlacoochee River, between Valdosta, Georgia, and Madison, Florida, at Horns Ferry.

December 16, 1940
[S. 4135]
[Public, No. 890]

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 Board of Georgia to complete construction, in accordance with plans accepted by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War, of a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Withlacoochee River, between Valdosta, Georgia, and Madison, Florida, at Horns Ferry, and to maintain and operate said bridge as a lawful structure subject to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Withlacoochee River. Bridge across, between Valdosta, Ga., and Madison, Fla., legalized.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right reserved.

Approved, December 16, 1940.