

SEC. 4. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by any municipality or other political subdivision or subdivisions of the State of Pennsylvania under the provisions of section 3 of this Act, and if tolls are charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid for such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of acquiring the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, 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 care, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Operation as a toll bridge, etc., if acquired by.

Maintenance, etc., after amortization of costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

SEC. 5. The said H. J. Stannert, Harry Weis, and George W. Rockwell, their legal representatives and assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of such bridge, file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and approaches, including the actual cost of acquiring interests in real property and actual financing and promotion costs. Within three years after the completion of such bridge, the Secretary of War may investigate the actual cost of such bridge, and for such purpose the said H. J. Stannert, Harry Weis, and George W. Rockwell, their legal representatives and assigns, shall make available to the Secretary of War all of their records in connection with the financing and construction thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to such actual original cost shall be conclusive, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Sworn statement of costs to be submitted after completion.

Investigation by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

SEC. 6. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said H. J. Stannert, Harry Weis, and George W. Rockwell, their legal representatives and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Authority to sell, etc.

SEC. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 7, 1926.

CHAP. 266.—An Act To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota, to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River approved January 31, 1923."

May 7, 1926.
[H. R. 10121.]
[Public, No. 202.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved January 31, 1923, granting the consent of Congress to the city of Saint Paul, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Robert Street in the said city of Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, in the State of Minnesota, be, and the same is hereby revived and reenacted: Provided, That

Mississippi River.
Time extended for bridging, at Robert Street, Saint Paul, Minn.
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proviso.

Time restriction.

this Act shall be null and void unless the bridge hereby authorized be completed on or before January 31, 1927.

Amendment.

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

Approved, May 7, 1926.

May 8, 1926.

[S. 2296.]

[Public, No. 203.]

CHAP. 273.—An Act Authorizing casualty companies, surety companies, insurance companies or associations or fraternal or beneficial societies to file bills of interpleader.

United States courts. Casualty, surety, insurance companies, etc., may file interpleader in, to determine beneficiaries, of different States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction to entertain and determine suits in equity begun by bills of interpleader duly verified, filed by any casualty company, surety company, insurance company or association or fraternal or beneficial society, and averring that one or more persons who are bona fide claimants against such company, association, or society resides or reside within the territorial jurisdiction of said court; that such company, association, or society has in its custody or possession money or property of the value of \$500 or more, or has issued a bond or a policy of insurance or certificate of membership providing for the payment of \$500 or more to the obligee or obligees in such bond or as insurance, indemnity, or benefits to a beneficiary, beneficiaries, or the heirs, next of kin, legal representatives, or assignee of the person insured or member; that two or more adverse claimants, citizens of different States, are claiming to be entitled to such money or property or the penalty of such bond, or to such insurance, indemnity, or benefits; that such company, association, or society has deposited such money or property or has paid the amount of such bond or policy into the registry of the court, there to abide the judgment of the court.

Deposit in registry of court.

Jurisdiction.

If policy not assigned.

If policy assigned.

If payable to beneficiary and not assigned.

If claimants residents of different districts.

Issue of process, etc., enjoining suit by claimant in other courts.

Procedure.

SEC. 2. In all such cases if the policy or certificate is drawn payable to the estate of the insured and has not been assigned in accordance with the terms of the policy or certificate the district court of the district of the residence of the personal representative of the insured shall have jurisdiction of such suit. In case the policy or certificate has been assigned during the life of the insured in accordance with the terms of the policy or certificate, the district court of the district of the residence of the assignee or of his personal representative shall have jurisdiction. In case the policy or certificate is drawn payable to a beneficiary or beneficiaries and there has been no such assignment as aforesaid the jurisdiction shall be in the district court of the district in which the beneficiary or beneficiaries or their personal representatives reside. In case there are claimants of such money or property, or in case there are beneficiaries under any such bond or policy resident in more districts than one, then jurisdiction shall be in the district court in any district in which a beneficiary or the personal representative of a claimant or a deceased claimant or beneficiary resides. Notwithstanding any provision of the Judicial Code to the contrary, said court shall have power to issue its process for all such claimants and to issue an order of injunction against each of them, enjoining them from instituting or prosecuting any suit or proceeding in any State court or in any other Federal court on account of such money or property or on such bond or on such policy or certificate of membership until the further order of the court; which process and order of injunction shall be returnable at such time as the said court or a judge thereof shall determine and shall be addressed to and served by the United States marshals