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Engineers and the Secretary of War as providing suitable facilities for navigation and operated as a free bridge, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be subject to the conditions and limitations of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Amendment.

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

Approved, April 30, 1934.

[CHAPTER 177.]

AN ACT

April 30, 1934.
[H.R. 8429.]
[Public, No. 187.]

To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act authorizing D. S. Prentiss, R. A. Salladay, Syl F. Histed, William M. Turner, and John H. Rahilly, their heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the town of New Boston, Illinois", approved March 3, 1931.

Mississippi River.
Authority to bridge,
at New Boston, Ill.,
revived.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved March 3, 1931, granting the consent of Congress to D. S. Prentiss, R. A. Salladay, Syl F. Histed, William M. Turner, and John H. Rahilly, their heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the town of New Boston, Illinois, be, and the same is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge and approaches thereto herein referred to be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.

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amended.

Proviso.
Time limitation.

Amendment.

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

Approved, April 30, 1934.

[CHAPTER 178.]

AN ACT

April 30, 1934.
[H.R. 8477.]
[Public, No. 188.]

Authorizing the State Road Commission of West Virginia to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Potomac River at or near Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Potomac River.
West Virginia may
bridge, at Shepherds-
town.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the State Road Commission of West Virginia be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Potomac River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, West Virginia, 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.

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Right to acquire real
estate, etc., for location,
approaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the State Road Commission of West Virginia all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance, and operation of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State,

Condemnation pro-
ceedings.

and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

SEC. 3. The said State Road Commission of West Virginia is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so 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 maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, 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.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 30, 1934.

[CHAPTER 179.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the owners of Cut-Off Island, Posey County, Indiana, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge or causeway across the old channel of the Wabash River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the owners of Cut-Off Island, Posey County, Indiana, are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge or causeway (including approaches thereto) across the old channel of the Wabash River, in order to connect such island with the highway system in White County, Illinois, 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.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the owners of Cut-Off Island, Indiana, all the rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge or causeway, and its approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, 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.

Tolls authorized.

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Charges to be applied to operation, sinking, etc., fund.

Record of expenditures and receipts to be kept.

Amendment.

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Wabash River. Bridge authorized across, Cut-Off Island, Ind., to White County, Ill.

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Right to acquire real estate, etc., for location, approaches, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.