

[CHAPTER 610]

AN ACT

To authorize school districts in Alaska to issue bonds for school construction, and for other purposes.

July 24, 1946
[H. R. 5800]
[Public Law 538]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of May 31, 1938 (52 Stat. 589; 48 U. S. C., sec. 315 and the following), entitled "An Act to authorize public utility districts in the Territory of Alaska to incur bonded indebtedness, and for other purposes", is hereby amended to read: "That public utility and school districts in the Territory of Alaska, organized or which may be organized under the laws of the Territory, are hereby authorized to construct, improve, extend, better, repair, reconstruct, acquire, and operate any and all types of public utilities and improvements, school buildings and facilities connected therewith, respectively, under and in accordance with and to the full extent provided by the laws of said Territory relating to public utility and school districts in said Territory, and to incur bonded indebtedness and to issue negotiable bonds for any or all of said purposes: *Provided, however,* That no public utility or school district shall incur bonded indebtedness or issue its negotiable bonds under this Act to an amount which shall exceed 10 per centum of the aggregate value of the real and personal property within such district subject to taxation by such district."

Alaska.
Issuance of bonds
for school construc-
tion, etc.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the above entitled Act is hereby amended by inserting after the words "public utility" the words "or school".

52 Stat. 589.
48 U. S. C. § 315a.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 611]

AN ACT

Relating to mail service on Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire.

July 24, 1946
[H. R. 5820]
[Public Law 539]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby repealed the proviso (39 U. S. C. 208) appearing in the first section of the Act of February 28, 1919 (40 Stat. 1189, 1194), entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, and for other purposes", providing as follows: "*Provided,* That hereafter the compensation for the carrier of mail on Lake Winnepesaukee from the post office at Laconia, New Hampshire, who furnishes his own equipment, shall be \$1,800 per annum."

Repeal.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 612]

AN ACT

To include the heads of executive departments and independent agencies within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930.

July 24, 1946
[H. R. 5831]
[Public Law 540]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (a) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by striking out the words "and heads of executive departments".

56 Stat. 147.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 693.
Post, p. 850

SEC. 2. This Act shall be effective, with respect to any head of a department, at the beginning of his first pay period commencing in the second month following the month in which this Act is enacted. As used in this section the term "department" means any department, independent establishment, or agency (including corporations) in the executive branch of the Government.

Effective date.

"Department."

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 613]

AN ACT

July 24, 1946
[H. R. 6065]
[Public Law 541]

Authorizing the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge or a free bridge across the Ohio River at or near Cannelton, Indiana.

Bridge.
Ohio River.

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 Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Ohio River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Cannelton, Indiana, 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.

34 Stat., 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.
Acquisition of real
estate, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission 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, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Tolls.

SEC. 3. The Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission is hereby authorized either to operate said bridge free of tolls or 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.

Supra.
Sinking fund.

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 interest at a rate of not to exceed 5 per centum per annum and reasonable financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty 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. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Records.

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

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[CHAPTER 614]

AN ACT

July 24, 1946
[H. R. 6222]
[Public Law 542]

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Calcasieu River at or near Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Bridge.
Calcasieu River.

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