

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.

SEC. 3. The said city of Atchison, Kansas, and county of Buchanan, Missouri, or either of them, are 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, March 29, 1928.

CHAP. 276.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission of the State of Louisiana to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Atchafalaya River at or near Melville, Louisiana.

*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 Louisiana Highway Commission of the State of Louisiana to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Atchafalaya River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Melville, Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

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

Approved, March 29, 1928.

CHAP. 277.—An Act To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the city of Chicago to construct a bridge across the Calumet River at or near One hundred and thirtieth Street in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois," approved March 21, 1924.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of Congress approved March 21, 1924, granting the consent of Congress to the city of Chicago to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge

Condemnation proceedings.

Tolls authorized.

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Rates applied to operating, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Amendment.

March 29, 1928.

[H. R. 7927.]

[Public, No. 206.]

Atchafalaya River. Louisiana Highway Commission may bridge, at Melville, La.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

March 29, 1928.

[H. R. 8897.]

[Public, No. 207.]

Calumet River. Chicago, Ill., may bridge, at One hundred and thirtieth Street. Vol. 43, p. 29.