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Control to be resumed if annual installment not paid before March 1 after due.

The Secretary of the Interior is directed to resume control and shut off water to enforce payment whenever any such annual installment is not paid on or before March 1 after due.

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**CHAP. 744.**—An Act Authorizing the State of Indiana, acting by and through the State highway commission, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Wabash River, at or near Vincennes, Indiana.

Wabash River. Indiana may bridge, at Vincennes.

*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 of Indiana, acting by and through the State highway commission, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Vincennes, 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.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84.

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

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the State of Indiana, acting by and through the State highway 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.

Condemnation proceedings.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said State of Indiana, acting by and through the State highway commission, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of tolls 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.

Vol. 34, p. 85.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

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 an amount not to exceed the cost of such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed ten years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay an amount not to exceed the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches 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 of daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Maintenance as a free bridge after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Former Act repealed. Vol. 43, p. 945, repealed.

SEC. 5. The Act of Congress approved February 13, 1925, authorizing the States of Indiana and Illinois to construct a bridge over the Wabash River at Vincennes, Indiana, is hereby repealed.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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