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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.

Right to assign, etc.

SEC. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage to the States of Illinois or Missouri or public agencies or political subdivision thereof all of the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to said village of Cahokia, Illinois, and such States or public agencies, or political subdivision thereof, 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 States or public agencies or political subdivision thereof.

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

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[CHAPTER 761]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 609]

Authorizing the State of Texas, acting through the State Highway Commission of Texas, or the successors thereof, to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate a free bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Del Rio, Texas.

Bridge.
Rio Grande.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the State of Texas, by and through its State highway commission, or successors of said commission be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Del Rio, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject to the approval of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico. Construction of said bridge shall not be undertaken until an agreement relating to the bridge shall have been effected between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491–498.

Agreement between U. S. and Mexico.

Time limitation.

SEC. 2. The authority granted herein for construction of the bridge shall cease and be null and void unless the actual construction be commenced within three years and completed within five years from the date of the passage of this Act unless otherwise authorized by the Congress of the United States.

Acquisition of toll bridge.

SEC. 3. Authority is hereby granted to permit the State of Texas, through its State highway commission, in its discretion, to acquire the existing toll bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Del Rio, Texas, upon such terms and at such time as may be mutually agreed upon as equitable to the present owners of such bridge and to the State of Texas.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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