

**DELAWARE RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**Act of May 6, 1927, P.L. 846, No. 426**  
AN ACT

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Constituting a commission to act with a similar commission of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of reconstructing the bridge over the Delaware River from Morrisville to New Jersey; defining the powers and duties of the joint commission; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the commission constituted under the act, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the joint acquisition and maintenance by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of certain toll-bridges over the Delaware River," and its amendments, for the acquisition of toll bridges over the Delaware River between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, is hereby constituted a commission to act in conjunction with a similar commission or body of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of providing for the reconstruction of the bridge across the Delaware River from Morrisville, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to Trenton, in the State of New Jersey.

The phrase "joint commission," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean the commission hereby constituted and the similar commission or body of the State of New Jersey.

Section 2. The joint commission is hereby authorized and empowered to have prepared the necessary and proper plans and specifications for the reconstruction of said bridge, and to determine the size, type, and method of construction thereof; to plan and to make all necessary estimates of the probable cost of its reconstruction; and to enter into necessary contracts to build and equip the said bridge and the approaches thereto; and to cause a survey and map to be made of all lands, structures, rights of way, franchises, easements, and other interests in land lying within the Commonwealth, including lands under water, and riparian land owned by any person, corporation, or municipality the acquisition of which may be deemed necessary for the construction of such bridge, and to cause such maps and surveys to be filed in its office.

Section 3. All proceedings for the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the Commonwealth in connection with the re-erection of such bridge shall be had in the manner provided by said act, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the joint acquisition and maintenance by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of certain toll-bridges over the Delaware River," for the acquisition of interstate toll bridges over the Delaware River between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

Section 4. The said joint commission shall not proceed to

exercise or carry out any authority or power herein or hereby given it to bind the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, beyond the extent to which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall have appropriated or made available to said joint commission the moneys herein appropriated as the share of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Said moneys contributed or made available by the Commonwealth shall be disbursed to said joint commission by the State Treasurer on warrants to be drawn by the joint commission on the Auditor General and payable on vouchers submitted to him by the joint commission.

Section 5. The said joint commission shall not proceed to exercise or carry out any authority or power herein or hereby given until the State of New Jersey, by appropriate legislation, shall fix and vest like powers in said joint commission, and make an appropriation to said joint commission equal to the appropriation made by this Commonwealth for providing the cost of acquiring the land for the approaches to and for the reconstruction of the approaches and the structure of said bridge, said money to be appropriated or made available by said State to be payable to said joint commission upon warrants drawn by said joint commission when duly signed by the proper fiscal officer of the State of New Jersey.

Section 6. All contracts or contract let by the joint commission shall provide for payments as the work advances, but the total payments to the contractor or contractors, at any time before the final completion and acceptance of the work contracted for, shall not exceed ninety per centum of the cost of the work done under any contract.

Section 7. The said joint commission, in its discretion, is hereby authorized and empowered to provide and equip said bridge and the approaches appurtenant thereto with such conduits, pipes, supplies, and other appliances as may be necessary or convenient for the installation, maintenance, and operation of telegraph, telephone, electric light or power, and other public service facilities, and to enter into leases or contracts with public service companies to install such facilities, and for the maintenance, operation, and use thereof, and to fix, collect, and receive suitable charges, rents, rentals or tolls for the privilege of leasing, operating, using or maintaining such facilities.

Section 8. The said joint commission is hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to provide for and regulate the operation of motor busses or similar vehicles on or across said bridge.

Section 9. Said bridge, upon its completion, shall be maintained, repaired, and operated in the same manner as interstate toll bridges between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, heretofore acquired, are now by law maintained, repaired, and operated.