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CHAPTER 565.

AN ACT to create section 1325i of the statutes, relating to the maintenance and repair of bridges across waters forming the boundary line between two or more counties.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1325i. All public bridges, and the necessary approaches and appurtenances thereto, heretofore constructed across any river, stream or other waters forming the boundary line between two or more counties in this state by any county or any municipality or municipalities or by any county and municipality or municipalities, shall be operated, maintained and repaired at the joint expense of the counties directly joined thereby, and the expense of operating, maintaining and repairing the same, and all approaches and appurtenances thereto, shall be apportioned to and borne by each such county in proportion to the taxable property therein, as shown by the last preceding equalization by the state tax commission. Any matters relating to the repair of any such bridge, including the necessity and character thereof, upon which the county boards of such counties or the committees thereof cannot agree, may be submitted by any such county board or committee to the state highway commission for determination and the determination by said commission shall be binding upon all the counties liable for the maintenance and repair of such bridge. If any county shall not provide for or pay its full share of such expense in any year the other county or counties may provide for and pay the same, and may, at any time after thirty days after demand in writing served upon the county treasurer of the county in default, recover of such county the moneys so paid out for it, with interest from the time of payment and costs of suit. .

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved August 17, 1915.