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CHAPTER 250

AN ACT to create a commission to confer with a similar commission from the state of Minnesota to investigate the construction of a toll-free bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A commission to confer with a similar commission from the state of Minnesota for the purpose of investigating and studying the possibility of financing and constructing a toll-free bridge connecting the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota in the vicinity of Duluth and Superior is hereby created. The commission shall consist of 2 senators and 3 assemblymen to be appointed as are members of standing committees. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. The existence of the commission shall terminate upon the adjournment sine die of the regular 1955 session of the legislature unless its existence is extended by joint resolution of the senate and assembly.

SECTION 2. The commission shall make a detailed, comprehensive investigation and study of the possibilities of constructing said toll-free bridge in such location, and shall confer with the highway departments of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and with such other persons, organizations or governmental bodies as may be assistance to the commission.

SECTION 3. The joint commission composed of the commissions selected in Minnesota and Wisconsin shall select a chairman, a vice chairman, and such other officers as it deems necessary, and may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate.

SECTION 4. The joint commission may subpoena witnesses and records and employ such assistance as it deems necessary to perform effectively its duties and may do all things necessary to accomplish its purposes.

SECTION 5. Every state, county, town and municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to co-operate with this commission and to make available to the commission, upon request by it, all records and information which is under his control relating to the subject matter of this act.

SECTION 6. The commission shall make a report to the legislature not later than January 15, 1955, setting forth its findings as a result of such investigation and study, and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper.

SECTION 7. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Commission as used in this act shall mean committee within the meaning of s. 20.01 (1) (c).

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