

this Act, deemed by it necessary to carry out the purposes thereof, both for acquiring and erecting such bridges and approaches, paying therefor, and for the repair, operation and maintenance thereof, provided there shall be incorporated in such agreement with the State of West Virginia a covenant on its part that no effort will at any time be made by the State of West Virginia or any sub-division thereof to levy, assess or collect any tax upon the interest or title of the State of Maryland or any political sub-division thereof in either such bridges or the approaches thereto.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge.¹

1927, ch. 207, sec. 1.

104. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company, a corporation duly created and existing under the general laws of this State, is hereby authorized to construct a bridge over the Chesapeake Bay from a point in Baltimore County near the mouth of Back River, to a point in Kent County between Rock Hall and Tolchester Beach, together with appropriate fills, approaches and appurtenant structures, and to maintain, operate, repair and rebuild the same.

1927, ch. 207, sec. 2.

105. Said bridge shall be a highway bridge for vehicular traffic and the driveway of said bridge shall be of a width of at least twenty (20) feet and that said bridge shall be constructed with at least two draws suitable for the passage of vessels, one of which draws shall be located in the main channel of said Bay and shall be at least two hundred (200) feet in width, and the other of which draws shall be located at a convenient point on the western side of the main channel and shall be at least forty (40) feet in width; and that before said Company shall undertake the construction of said bridge the plans and specifications thereof, including the specifications of the draws to be included in said bridge, shall be submitted to and approved by the State Roads Commission.

1927, ch. 207, sec. 3.

105. Said Company may agree with the owners for the land, water rights, or other property and for the earth, stone or other material necessary for the construction, protection, maintenance, repair or rebuilding of said bridge, roads and ways thereto, toll houses, lodges and other buildings or structures necessary for the proper operation of said bridge, and the rights so acquired by agreement shall be conveyed by deed duly acknowledged and recorded. In case of failure to agree, or of disability of the owners to contract, or of their absence from the State, the corporation may obtain the lands, water rights or other property necessary as above described by condemnation, but said company shall have no power to con-

¹ See State Budget (ch. 134 of acts of 1929, p. 382) for appropriation to the company, and ch. 278 of acts of 1929 for appropriation for roads leading to proposed bridge.