

priated, the sum of three dollars per day, for each day's attendance on said Board.

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CHAPTER 165.

FREE BRIDGE.

AN ACT to create a Board of Commissioners, with authority to erect a Free Bridge across the Cedar River, at Cedar Rapids, in Linn county,

Names of
Commissioners

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That John M. May, Frederick A. Williams, and Gabriel Carpenter, be, and are hereby appointed, and constituted, a Board of Commissioners, to receive voluntary subscriptions, in trust, for the erection of a free bridge across Cedar river, at Cedar Rapids, in Rapids township, Linn county; with a draw of not less than forty feet in said bridge, for the free passage of boats and other crafts navigating said river.

Bonds.

§ 2. Before proceeding to collect and expend any money subscribed for said free bridge, the said Board of Commissioners shall, for the protection of each and all subscribers for such bridge, and to secure the faithful execution of the trusts created by this act, execute a bond or bonds in the aggregate penalty of not less than twenty thousand dollars, to be approved by the county judge of Linn county, and filed in the office of said judge, and by him to be surrendered to said Board, to be cancelled when the trusts herein created are, in the opinion of said judge, fulfilled by said Board of Commissioners.

Location.

§ 3. Said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall locate said bridge, at such point on Cedar river, in Rapids

township, Linn county, as will, in their judgement, best combine convenience for citizens and travellers, safety of such bridge from high water and otherwise, and economy in the expense of erecting bridge said and draw.

§ 4. The said Board of Commissioners shall proceed **Subscriptions.** within ninety days from the time of commencing to collect subscriptions, that may be made towards building such bridge, to the construction thereof, and shall have two years in which to complete said bridge, after the work of construc- **Construction.** tion is commenced. And as the work progresses, said board shall publish reports at intervals of not more than ninety days, **Report.** stating the amount collected, in what manner expended, and the progress of the work. The said Board, or any member thereof, shall not be entitled to any compensation whatever, for executing the trusts herein created, from any subscription made and collected for the purpose of erecting such bridge.

§ 5. Said Board of Commissioners shall have the right **Vacancy.** to fill vacancies that may occur in their number, and their number may be increased to five, should a majority of the Board so elect: *Provided*, that the person so elected to fill vacancies, or to increase the number of members of the Board, shall, before entering upon the duties of such Commissioners, file a bond or bonds, as provided for in the second section of this act.

§ 6. On the completion of such bridge, the said Board **Deliver up.** of Commissioners shall deliver it to the proper town or city officers, having charge of roads and bridges in said township, whereupon, said bridge shall become a Free Bridge, **Free.** and public property.

§ 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and **Take effect.** after its passage

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