

CHAPTER 35**(SJR 169)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying the Bi-State Authority created for the purpose of financing, constructing, and operating the Louisville - Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law HB 3 of the 2009 Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Sections 75 to 97 of HB 3, codified as KRS Chapter 175B, created the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority, the primary purpose of which is to facilitate the construction, financing, operation, and oversight of projects by entering into bi-state agreements, and by creating bi-state authorities; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to KRS 175B.030, groups have been appointed by both Indiana and Kentucky to propose creation of a bi-state authority; and

WHEREAS, the appointed group has met and has proposed an agreement to establish a bi-state authority pursuant to KRS 175B.030(2)(c); and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority has met and approved the agreement proposing to create the Bi-State Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority is directed by KRS 175.030(2)(c) to petition the General Assembly for ratification of the Bi-State Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly does hereby ratify the Bi-State Authority created for the purpose of financing, constructing, and operating the Louisville - Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, pursuant to submission from the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority, and in accordance with KRS Chapter 175B.

➔Section 2. Whereas the planning for and construction of the proposed Ohio River bridges is of immediate concern and there is a need for the proposed Bi-State Authority to take immediate action, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Resolution takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.

Signed by the Governor March 25, 2010.