

**CHAPTER xxvi**

An Act to extend the time for the acquisition of lands by the Cheshire County Council and the Lancashire County Council under the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge &c.) Act 1947 and for other purposes. [14th July 1953.]

WHEREAS—

(1) By the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge &c.) Act 1947 the county council of the administrative county of the county palatine of Chester and the county council of the administrative county of the county palatine of Lancaster were authorised to construct a bridge for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the river Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal between the borough of Widnes in the county of Lancaster and the urban district of Runcorn in the county of Chester:

(2) It was provided by section 36 of the said Act that the powers granted by the said Act for the compulsory purchase of lands should cease on the thirty-first day of December one thousand nine hundred and fifty:

(3) By section 3 of the Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Act 1950 the period for the exercise of the said powers was extended to the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred and fifty-three:

(4) It is expedient that the said period should be further extended as by this Act provided:

(5) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

(6) In relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act the said county councils have observed the requirements of Part XIII of the Local Government Act 1933:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Act 1953.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Act—

“ the Act of 1947 ” means the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge &c.) Act 1947;

“ the Councils ” means the county council of the administrative county of the county palatine of Chester and the county council of the administrative county of the county palatine of Lancaster or either of them as the case may be;

“ the Minister ” means the Minister of Transport.

Extension
of time.

3.—(1) The period limited by section 3 (Extension of time) of the Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Act 1950 for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the Act of 1947 is hereby extended until the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(2) On the application of the Councils the Minister may by order extend still further the period referred to in the foregoing subsection.

(3) An order under this section shall be subject to special parliamentary procedure.

Costs of Act.

4. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be borne by the Councils in equal shares and shall be paid out of their respective county funds or out of moneys to be borrowed under the Act of 1947.

Table of Statutes referred to in this Act

Short title	Session and chapter
Local Government Act 1933	23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 51.
Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge &c.) Act 1947.	10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. xxix.
Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Act 1950	14 Geo. 6. c. xviii.

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