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- 1 Introduced by S. E. Erickson, February 17, 1903.
  - 2 Ordered printed and referred to Committee on Parks and Boulevards.

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## A BILL

For an act to authorize the connecting of Lincoln Park with Lake Front or Grant Park, over and upon the submerged lands of the State of Illinois.

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**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented*  
in the General Assembly: That the Boards of Commissioners of Lincoln  
Park and South Park, in Cook County, Illinois, shall have the right to  
construct and extend a park boulevard or driveway over and upon the bed  
of Lake Michigan and across the Chicago River, in such manner as will  
not interfere with the proper navigation of such lake and river for the pur-  
pose of commerce, without due authority from the proper officer of the  
United States government having control thereof, for the purpose of con-  
necting with such park boulevard or driveway of said Lincoln Park with  
Lake Front or Grant Park, and said park boards are hereby authorized to  
appropriate, subject to the limitations aforesaid, so much of the submerged  
land of Lake Michigan, along the western shore thereof and between said

13 parks, as shall be necessary so to connect said parks, said park boulevard  
14 or driveway to be not less than sixty feet wide in the first instance, with  
15 the continuing right to increase the width thereof, not to exceed three hun-  
16 dred feet, without the further consent of the State of Illinois.

Section 2. The riparian or other rights of owners of lands on the shores  
2 adjoining the waters in which it is proposed to construct any such park  
3 boulevard or driveway may be acquired by said commissioners by deed or  
4 appropriate contract from any such owner or owners, or said park commis-  
5 sioners may condemn the same for such public use, in manner as is provided  
6 for the taking of private property for public use by the constitution and  
7 laws of the State of Illinois.

Section 3. The privileges granted by this act shall be continuing privi-  
2 leges, and said park commissioners, or either of the said boards of park  
3 commissioners, may avail themselves or itself of the said privileges at any  
4 time hereafter.