

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of December, 1895, and was adjourned without day on Thursday, the eleventh day of June, 1896.*

GROVER CLEVELAND, President; ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Vice-President, and President of the Senate; ISHAM G. HARRIS, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*; on the seventh day of February, 1896, WILLIAM P. FRYE was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*; THOMAS B. REED was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on the second day of December, 1895.

**CHAP. 1.**—An Act Making an appropriation for the expenses of a commission to investigate and report on the true divisional line between the Republic of Venezuela and British Guiana. December 21, 1895.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the expenses of a commission to be appointed by the President to investigate and report upon the true divisional line between the Republic of Venezuela and British Guiana.*

Venezuela-British Guiana boundary.  
Appropriation for commission to report on.  
*Post*, p. 438.

Approved, December 21, 1895.

**CHAP. 2.**—An Act To amend section twenty-six hundred and one of the Revised Statutes relative to Ports of Entry. December 27, 1895.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-six hundred and one, Revised Statutes, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:*

Indiana and Illinois customs district.  
R. S., sec. 2601, p. 514, amended.

Section 2601. There shall be in the States of Indiana and Illinois one Collection District as follows:

The District of Chicago; to comprise the State of Illinois, and the waters and shores of Lake Michigan, within the State of Indiana; in which Chicago shall be the port of entry, and Waukegan and Michigan City ports of delivery: *Provided*, That all present ports of delivery in the State of Illinois now a part of the New Orleans District, shall be ports of delivery in the new District of Illinois and shall have all privileges which they have under existing law: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal the provisions of the Act approved August seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, which embraces East Saint Louis, Illinois, within the limits of the port of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Chicago district.

*Provisos.*  
Transfer of ports of delivery, New Orleans district.  
R. S., sec. 2568, p. 508, amended.

East St. Louis.  
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Approved, December 27, 1895.

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**CHAP. 3.**—An Act Fixing the times for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the Northern District of Iowa, and of the Southern District of Iowa.

Iowa judicial districts.  
R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 99, 120.  
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Terms, northern district.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter terms of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States shall be held in the several divisions of the Northern district of Iowa, as follows:

In the Cedar Rapids division at Cedar Rapids, on the first Tuesday in April, and the second Tuesday in September.

In the Eastern division at Dubuque, on the fourth Tuesday in April, and the first Tuesday in December.

In the Western division at Sioux City, on the fourth Tuesday in May, and the first Tuesday in October.

In the Central division at Fort Dodge, on the second Tuesday in June, and the second Tuesday in November.

Terms, southern district.

Section 2. That hereafter terms of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States shall be held in the several divisions in the Southern district of Iowa, as follows:

In the Western division at Council Bluffs, on the second Tuesday in March, and the third Tuesday in September.

In the Eastern division at Keokuk, on the second Tuesday in April, and the Third Tuesday in October.

In the Central division at Des Moines, on the second Tuesday in May, and the third Tuesday in November.

Pending actions.

Section 3. That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail-bond, or other process, in any of said Courts, shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of the terms of said Courts, but the same shall be deemed to be returnable to, and pending and triable at, the terms provided for in this Act.

Approved, January 4, 1896.

January 6, 1896.

**CHAP. 4.**—An Act To make Palm Beach, Florida, a subport of entry and delivery.

Palm Beach, Fla., made subport of entry and delivery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Palm Beach, in the State of Florida, shall be and is hereby made a subport of entry and delivery, and a customs officer, or such officers, shall be stationed at said subport with authority to enter and clear vessels, receive duties, fees and other moneys, and perform such other services and receive such compensation as in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury the exigencies of commerce may require.

Approved, January 6, 1896.

January 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 5.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a permanent system of highways in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of cities," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

District of Columbia. Permanent system of highways.  
Vol. 27, p. 537.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section seventeen of the Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to provide a permanent system of highways in that part of the District of Columbia lying outside of cities," be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Court of appeals to decide law questions, appeals, etc.

SEC. 17. That said court in special term may certify to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia for decision there, in the first instance, any question of law that shall arise during any proceedings in said court in special term under this Act. Any party aggrieved by the final order or decree of said court in special term fixing the amount