

located at the town of Williston until such time as the President may, in his discretion, remove the site of said land office from said town.

SEC. 2. That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for said district; and they shall be subject to the same laws and be entitled to the same compensation as is or may hereafter be provided by law in relation to the existing land offices and officers in said State.

Approved, April 26, 1906.

**CHAP. 1996.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act granting to the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company the power to sell and convey to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company all the railway property, rights, franchises, and privileges of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” approved March third, nineteen hundred and five.

April 27, 1906.  
[S. 5520.]

[Public, No. 131.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second proviso in section one of an Act entitled “An Act granting to the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company the power to sell and convey to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company all the railway property, rights, franchises, and privileges of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” approved March third, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting between the words “selling company” and the words “and all suits” the words “except its mortgage bonds,” and that said proviso as amended shall read: “*Provided,* That said purchasing company shall, by said purchase, be and become liable and assume the payment of all existing liabilities of said selling company, except its mortgage bonds, and all suits now pending against said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company shall proceed to final judgment the same as if said sale had not been made.”

Indian Territory.  
Choctaw, Oklahoma  
and Gulf Railroad  
Company.  
Sale of, to Chicago,  
Rock Island and Pa-  
cific Railway Com-  
pany.  
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amended.

*Proviso.*  
Liabilities.

Mortgage bonds ex-  
cepted.

Approved, April 27, 1906.

**CHAP. 1997.**—An Act To amend the Act entitled “An Act to regulate commutation for good conduct for United States prisoners,” approved June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two.

April 27, 1906.  
[H. R. 15910.]

[Public, No. 132.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section three of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate commutation for good conduct for United States prisoners,” approved June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

United States pris-  
oners.  
Commutation for  
good conduct.  
Vol. 32, p. 398,  
amended.

Sentences affected.

“SEC. 3. That this Act shall apply to all sentences imposed subsequent to July twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two, and to the sentences imposed prior thereto the commutation upon which is less than that provided in this Act.”

Approved, April 27, 1906.

**CHAP. 2067.**—An Act Granting certain lands to the city of Biloxi, in Harrison County, Mississippi, for park and cemetery purposes.

April 28, 1906.  
[H. R. 10152.]

[Public, No. 133.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following-described land, to wit: That part of section nineteen, township seven south, of range nine west, lying south of Back Bay of Biloxi, the northwest

Biloxi, Miss.  
Lands granted to, for  
park, etc., purposes.  
Description.

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quarter of section thirty, township seven south, of range nine west, and all of section twenty-four, township seven south, of range ten west, lying south of Back Bay of Biloxi, formerly reserved for naval purposes, and which were restored to disposition under the town-site laws under the Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to certify to the Secretary of the Interior, for restoration to the public domain, lands in the States of Alabama and Mississippi not needed for naval purposes," be, and the same is hereby, granted to the city of Biloxi, in Harrison County, Mississippi, for park and cemetery purposes, and the Secretary of the Interior is, upon the passage of this Act, authorized to cause the said lands to be patented to the said city of Biloxi, upon due proof of its incorporation.

Reversion.

SEC. 2. That the said lands are granted solely for park and cemetery purposes, and shall revert to and become the property of the United States if used for any purpose whatever other than or foreign to those for which this donation is made.

Approved, April 28, 1906.

April 28, 1906.  
[H. R. 17135.]  
[Public, No. 134.]

CHAP. 2068.—An Act Providing that the State of Montana be permitted to relinquish to the United States certain lands heretofore selected and select other lands from the public domain in lieu thereof.

Public lands.  
Montana may select  
lands in lieu of lands  
reconveyed to the  
United States.

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Description of re-  
conveyed lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon the delivery to the Secretary of the Interior by the State of Montana of its properly executed and duly recorded deed or deeds reconveying to the United States of America, in fee simple, certain lands heretofore selected by and certified to said State under the provisions of an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the division of Dakota into two States and to enable the people of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington, to form constitutions and State governments and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and to make donation of public land to such States," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, to wit: All of section thirty-one in township thirteen south of range one west, the south half of the southwest quarter, the south half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-six; the south half of the southwest quarter, the south half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-seven; the south half of the southwest quarter, the south half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight; the south half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine; the west half of section thirty-one; the northeast quarter, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-two; the north half and lots two, three, and four of section thirty-three; the north half and lots two and three of section thirty-four; the north half of section thirty-five, in township thirteen south of range two west; the southeast quarter of section twenty-six and east half of section thirty-five, in township thirteen south of range three west; the south half of the northwest quarter and lots three, four, ten, and eleven of section one; lot ten of section two; lots one and two of section eleven; north half of the northwest quarter of section twelve, in township fourteen south of range three west, principal meridian of Montana; the lands so described having been selected as indemnity school land and the selection thereof having been approved by the Secretary of the Interior under dates of January second, January ninth, February fifth, and April eighteenth, nineteen hundred and one. The said State shall be authorized and permitted to select an equal number of acres of land from the unappropriated public land of the United