

## [CHAPTER 20]

## AN ACT

February 6, 1940  
[S. 1820]  
[Public, No. 411]

To provide for the transfer of certain land owned by the United States to the State of Texas; and certain other land to the county of Galveston, Texas.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to convey to the State of Texas, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of that certain tract or parcel of land out of lot 525, section 1, Trimble and Lindsey Survey, Galveston Island, Texas, described as follows:

Description.

Beginning at the southwest corner of said lot 525 as established by United States Engineers for the southwest corner of a two and one-tenth acre tract owned by the United States of America and described in book 329, pages 628, Deed Records, Galveston County, Texas; thence north twenty-five degrees eleven minutes west along the westerly line of said two and one-tenth acre tract one hundred and sixty-five feet to the northwest corner of said two and one-tenth acre tract two hundred and forty-one and nine-tenths minutes east along the northerly line of said two and one-tenth acre tract two hundred and forty-one and nine-tenths feet to a point in a right angle jog in the northerly right-of-way line of the State highway leading to the new causeway across Galveston Bay, as said State highway is shown on plat of record in the office of the county clerk, Galveston County, Texas, to which plat reference is hereby made; thence south twenty-nine degrees two minutes west perpendicular to said center line of proposed State highway thirty-two and six-tenths feet to a point two hundred feet perpendicularly distant northerly from said center line of proposed State highway; thence south sixty degrees fifty-eight minutes east parallel to said center line one hundred and eighty feet to the southerly line of said two and one-tenth acre tract; thence south sixty-four degrees forty-nine minutes west along the southerly line of said two and one-tenth acre tract three hundred and twenty feet to the place of beginning, contains nine hundred and ninety-six one-thousandths acre.

It is the intention in the above description to include all of that portion of said two and one-tenth acre tract owned by the United States of America that is within the limits of the right-of-way of said State highway.

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SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to convey to the county of Galveston, Texas, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of that certain tract or parcel of land out of lot 525, section 1, Trimble and Lindsey Survey, Galveston Island, Texas, described as follows:

Description.

Beginning at the intersection of the northerly right-of-way line of the State highway leading to the new causeway across Galveston Bay, as said State highway is shown on map of record in the office of the county clerk, Galveston County, Texas, with the southerly line of the United States of America two and one-tenth acre tract of land on Galveston Island, Texas, and described in book 329, pages 628 and 629, Deed Records, Galveston County, Texas; thence from said beginning point north sixty degrees fifty-eight minutes west along said State highway northerly right-of-way line one hundred and eighty feet to a right angle jog to the right in said right-of-way line; thence north twenty-nine degrees two minutes east thirty-two and six-tenths feet to the northerly line of said United States of America two and one-tenth acre tract; thence north sixty-four degrees forty-nine minutes east two hundred and fifty-three and eight-tenths feet, more or less, to the southerly right-of-way line of the old State Highway Numbered 6, formerly a county road; thence south sixty degrees fifty-eight minutes east two hundred and three and four-tenths feet along said

southerly right-of-way of the old State Highway Numbered 6 to the said southerly line of the United States of America two and one-tenth acre tract; and thence south sixty-four degrees forty-nine minutes west along said southerly line of two and one-tenth acre tract two hundred and eighty-two and two-tenths feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. Contains one and one hundred and four one-thousandths acres.

SEC. 3. The grantee in each case shall bear any expense (other than for the preparation of the deeds) necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, but shall not be required to pay any consideration for the right, title, and interest conveyed: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War is authorized to make such deviations in the description of the lands above described as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Act.

Approved, February 6, 1940.

Grantee to bear certain expense.

*Proviso.*  
Necessary deviations in description authorized.

[CHAPTER 21]

AN ACT

For the relief of World War sailors and marines who were discharged from the United States Navy or United States Marine Corps because of minority or misrepresentation of age.

February 9, 1940  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in the administration of law conferring rights, privileges, or benefits upon honorably discharged sailors of the United States Navy and upon honorably discharged marines of the United States Marine Corps, their widows and dependent children, a sailor or marine who served as an enlisted man between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and who was discharged for fraudulent enlistment on account of minority or misrepresentation of age, shall hereafter be held and considered to have been honorably discharged from the naval service on the date of his actual separation therefrom if his service otherwise was such as would have entitled him to an honorable discharge: *Provided*, That no back pay or allowance shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That in all such cases the Navy Department shall, upon request, grant to such men, or their widows, a discharge certificate showing that the sailor or marine is held and considered to have been honorably discharged under the provisions of this Act.

World War sailors and marines.  
Discharge because of minority, etc., deemed honorable discharge.

*Provisos.*  
No back pay, etc.  
Issuance of certificates.

Approved, February 9, 1940.

[CHAPTER 22]

AN ACT

Giving the consent of Congress to the addition of lands to the State of Texas and ceding jurisdiction to the State of Texas over certain parcels or tracts of land heretofore acquired by the United States of America from the United Mexican States.

February 9, 1940  
[H. R. 6124]  
[Public, No. 413]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That upon the acceptance of this Act by the State of Texas all of the parcels or tracts of land lying adjacent to the territory of the State of Texas, which were acquired by the Government of the United States of America by virtue of the convention between the United States of America and the United Mexican States signed February 1, 1933, shall be and become a geographical part of the State of Texas and shall be under the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the said State, without affecting the ownership of the said lands.

Texas.  
Certain lands adjacent to, acquired from United Mexican States, ceded to State.

48 Stat. 1621.

Subject to State jurisdiction.

Approved, February 9, 1940.