

[CHAPTER 419]

AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940 to preserve the nationality of citizens residing abroad.

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 4271]
[Public Law 432]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter IV of the Nationality Act of 1940, section 409, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 409. Nationality shall not be lost under the provisions of section 404 or 407 of this Act until the expiration of five years following the date of the approval of this Act: *Provided, however,* That a naturalized person who shall have become subject to the presumption that he has ceased to be an American citizen as provided for in the second paragraph of section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907 (34 Stat. 1228), and who shall not have overcome it under the rules in effect immediately preceding the date of the approval of this Act, shall continue to be subject to such presumption for the period of five years following the date of the approval of this Act unless it is overcome during such period."

Approved September 27, 1944.

Nationality Act of 1940, amendment.
54 Stat. 1171.
8 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 809.
Citizens residing abroad.
54 Stat. 1170.
8 U. S. C. §§ 804, 807.

[CHAPTER 420]

AN ACT

To relinquish the title of the United States to certain lands in the county of Los Angeles, State of California.

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 4286]
[Public Law 433]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any lands supposed to exist between the east boundary of the Rancho San Francisquito and the west boundary of the Rancho La Puente, in township 1 south, range 11 west, San Bernardino meridian, according to the plats of survey on file in the General Land Office, be, and the same are hereby, released and relinquished by the United States to the equitable owners of the equitable titles thereto and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued according to law: *Provided,* That this Act shall amount only to a relinquishment of any title that the United States has, or is supposed to have, in and to any of said lands, and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true owners of said lands under the laws of California, including the laws of prescription, in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.*

Approved September 27, 1944.

County of Los Angeles, Calif.
Relinquishment of U. S. title to certain lands.

[CHAPTER 421]

AN ACT

To allow credit in connection with certain homestead entries for military or naval service rendered during World War II.

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 5025]
[Public Law 434]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who has served or may serve in the military or naval forces of the United States for a period of at least ninety days during World War

Homestead entries by World War II veterans.
Credit for period of service.