

May 11, 1898.

CHAP. 292.—An Act To amend an Act to permit the use of the right of way through public lands for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs, and for other purposes.

Public lands.
Right of way for
tramroads, canals, etc.
Vol. 28, p. 635.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to permit the use of the right of way through the public lands for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs, and for other purposes," approved January twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:

—width.

— use of water for
domestic and public
purposes.

—for ditches, etc.

Vol. 26, p. 1101.

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered, under general regulations to be fixed by him, to permit the use of right of way upon the public lands of the United States, not within limits of any park, forest, military, or Indian reservations, for tramways, canals, or reservoirs, to the extent of the ground occupied by the water of the canals and reservoirs, and fifty feet on each side of the marginal limits thereof, or fifty feet on each side of the center line of the tramroad, by any citizen or association of citizens of the United States, for the purposes of furnishing water for domestic, public, and other beneficial uses.

"SEC. 2. That the rights of way for ditches, canals, or reservoirs heretofore or hereafter approved under the provisions of sections eighteen, nineteen, twenty, and twenty-one of the Act entitled 'An Act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes,' approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, may be used for purposes of a public nature; and said rights of way may be used for purposes of water transportation, for domestic purposes, or for the development of power, as subsidiary to the main purpose of irrigation."

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CHAP. 293.—An Act To provide for organizing a naval battalion in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Organization of na-
val battalion.
Post, p. 721.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the companies of volunteer militia now authorized in the District of Columbia there may be organized not more than four companies of naval militia, which shall constitute a battalion to be known as the naval battalion of the National Guard of the District of Columbia.

Officers.
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SEC. 2. That the officers of the naval battalion shall consist of one commander, and a staff to consist of one executive officer with the rank of lieutenant-commander, one navigating officer with the rank of lieutenant, one signal, ordnance, and equipment officer with the rank of lieutenant, one chief engineer, one paymaster, and one surgeon, each with the relative rank of lieutenant.

Company organiza-
tion.

SEC. 3. That each company shall consist of one lieutenant, one lieutenant, junior grade, two ensigns, and not less than sixty nor more than one hundred petty officers and enlisted men.

Laws applicable.
Vol. 25, p. 772.

SEC. 4. That in all matters not otherwise specially provided for, the provisions of law which provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia shall apply to the naval battalion.

SEC. 5. That general routine of duty, discipline, and exercises of the naval battalion, and parts thereof, shall conform with the laws, customs, and usages of the Navy, as far as the same apply, and where they do not apply then such routine of duty, discipline, and exercises shall conform to the laws governing the volunteer forces of the District of Columbia.

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