

Taking over of lands, etc., if early purchase not practicable.
Post, pp. 1700, 1826, 1885.

Determination of compensation by President.

Suit authorized if price unsatisfactory.

Procedure.
Vol. 36, pp. 1093, 1136.

Title to vest at once.

Appropriation.

Restriction on building railroad in District of Columbia.

attached thereto, can not be procured by purchase within one month after the passage of this Act the President is hereby authorized and empowered to take over for the United States the immediate possession and title of such lands and improvements, including all easements, rights of way, riparian, and other rights appurtenant thereto, or any land selected by him to be used for the carrying out of the purposes of this Act. That if said land and appurtenances and improvements shall be taken over as aforesaid, the United States shall make just compensation therefor, to be determined by the President, and if the amount thereof so determined by the President is unsatisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be paid seventy-five per centum of the amount so determined by the President and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sum, as, added to the said seventy-five per centum, will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for by section twenty-four, paragraph twenty, and section one hundred and forty-five of the Judicial Code. Upon the taking over of said property by the President as aforesaid, the title to all such property so taken over shall immediately vest in the United States. For the purposes of this Act there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no railroad shall be built in the District of Columbia under this Act, until Congress has approved the point from which such road may start and also the route to be followed in the District of Columbia.

Approved, April 26, 1918.

April 29, 1918.
[S. 3476.]

[Public, No. 141.]

CHAP. 65.—An Act To authorize the extension of a spur track or siding from the existing lines of railroad in the District of Columbia across First Street Northeast, between L and M Streets, to the buildings occupied by the field medical supply depot of the Army.

District of Columbia.
Railroad siding to Army Medical Supply Depot, authorized.

Proviso.
Restriction and limitations.

Removal after end of war.

Expenses from Army appropriations.

Proviso.
Limit of daily use.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby granted the Surgeon General of the United States Army to construct, maintain, and operate a temporary single-track overhead siding across First Street northeast, between L and M Streets, to the building or buildings in square six hundred and seventy-three, occupied by the Field Medical Supply Depot of the Army: *Provided*, That the siding herein authorized shall not extend westwardly beyond a point five hundred and sixty-nine feet and nine inches east of the present site of Sibley Hospital or any of its buildings; and shall be limited to the use of the Medical Department of the United States Army for the period preceding the declaration of peace and thirty days thereafter; and within six months following the declaration of peace the Surgeon General shall cause said track to be entirely removed from the limits of said street and shall cause the aforesaid street to be restored to its condition prior to the construction of the siding without cost to the District of Columbia.

The Surgeon General of the Army shall provide for the construction, maintenance, and removal of this siding as herein authorized and prescribed, and the costs thereof shall be defrayed from the appropriations for the Medical and Hospital Department of the United States Army: *Provided further*, That said track shall be used only between the hours of six o'clock antemeridian and nine o'clock postmeridian except in cases of extreme emergency, and trains shall be operated with the least possible noise.

Approved, April 29, 1918.

CHAP. 66.—An Act To authorize the incorporated town of Seward, Alaska, to issue bonds in any sum not exceeding \$25,000 for the purpose of constructing dikes, flumes, and other works to confine the waters of Lowell Creek for the protection of said town.

May 1, 1918.
[H. R. 9832.]

[Public, No. 142.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the incorporated town of Seward, Alaska, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds in any sum not exceeding \$25,000 for the purpose of constructing dikes, flumes, and other protection to confine the waters of Lowell Creek, and to keep said waters from running over and upon the town of Seward.

Seward, Alaska.
May issue bonds to
confine waters of Low-
ell Creek.

Before said bonds shall be issued a special election shall be ordered by the common council of the town of Seward, at which election the question of whether such bonds shall be issued shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said town of Seward whose names appear on the last assessment roll of said town for municipal taxation. Thirty days' notice of any such election shall be given by publication thereof in a newspaper printed and published and of general circulation in said town before the day fixed for such election.

Election to authorize.

The registration for such election, the manner of conducting the same, and the canvass of the returns of said election shall be, as near as practicable, in accordance with the requirements of law in general or special elections in said municipality, and said bonds shall be issued only upon the condition that a majority of the votes cast at such election in said town shall be in favor of issuing said bonds.

Conduct of election.

The bonds above specified, when authorized to be issued as hereinbefore provided, shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed eight per centum per annum, payable semiannually, and shall not be sold for less than their par value with accrued interest and shall be in denominations not exceeding \$1,000 each, the principal to be due in twenty years from date thereof: *Provided, however,* That the common council of said town of Seward may reserve the right to pay off such bonds in their numerical order at the rate of \$5,000 thereof per annum from and after the expiration of five years from their date. Principal and interest shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the office of the town treasurer, or at such bank in the city of New York, in the State of New York, or such place as may be designated by the common council of the town of Seward; the place of payment to be mentioned in the bonds: *And provided further,* That each and every such bond shall have the written signature of the mayor and clerk of said town of Seward and also bear the seal of said town.

Interest rate, sale,
etc.

Provisos.
Redemption.

Payment of principal
and interest.

Signatures and seal
required.

No part of the funds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be used for any purpose other than specified in this Act. Said bonds shall be sold only in such amounts as the common council shall direct, and the proceeds thereof shall be disbursed under the limitations hereinbefore imposed and under the order and direction of said common council, from time to time, as the same may be required for the purposes aforesaid.

Use of funds re-
stricted.
Sale of bonds.

Approved, May 1, 1918.

CHAP. 67.—An Act To provide for the collection and disposal of garbage and miscellaneous refuse of the District of Columbia.

May 6, 1918.
[H. R. 10613.]

[Public, No. 143.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order that the service of the collection of garbage and miscellaneous refuse in the District of Columbia and the disposal of the same may be continued without further interruption, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, if in their judgment it is deemed to be the best interest

District of Columbia.
Garbage and miscel-
laneous refuse.