

- Payments required. application for a patent, together with the required affidavit, and upon payment to the receiver of the purchase price of \$5 per acre, fees, and commissions, and in addition thereto an amount equal to the drainage charges, penalties, interest, and costs for which the lands were sold, and if the lands were bid in for the drainage district, an additional amount equal to 6 per centum per annum on the sum for which the lands were sold from the date of such sale, said applicant shall become subrogated to the rights of such purchaser and shall be entitled to receive a patent for not more than one hundred and sixty acres of said lands. When payment is made to effect subrogation as herein provided the register and receiver of the United States land office shall serve notice upon the purchaser that an application for patent for the lands purchased by him has been filed, and that the amount of the drainage charges, penalties, interests, and costs of the sale will be paid to him upon submission of proof of purchase and payment by him of said sums. The receiver shall make such payment as soon as said requirement shall have been fulfilled. If the lands were bid in for a drainage district, the receiver will pay to the proper county officers the amount of the drainage charges, penalties, and interests and costs of sale, together with the additional sum of 6 per centum per annum, to which said drainage district is entitled. All remaining moneys to which the United States may be entitled shall be covered into the United States Treasury and applied as provided by law for the disposal of the proceeds from the sale of public lands.
- Repayment to first purchaser.
- To drainage district.
- Deposit of balance.
- Drainage laws notices to be filed in district land office.
- Rights of entrymen.
- Effect on pending suits.
- SEC. 7. That a copy of all notices required by the drainage laws of the State of Arkansas to be given to the owners and occupants of lands held in private ownership shall, as soon as such notice is issued, be delivered to the register and receiver of the United States land office of the district in which the lands are situated where any of the lands subject to the operation of this Act are affected, and the United States and the entryman claiming under the public land laws of the United States shall be accorded the same rights to be heard by petition, answer, remonstrance, appeal, or otherwise, as are given to persons holding lands in private ownership, and all entrymen shall be given the same rights of redemption as are given to the owners of land held in private ownership.
- SEC. 8. That this Act shall not be effective as to any lands involved in suits instituted on behalf of the United States with a view to quieting title in the Government to such lands until and unless such suits shall be finally determined in favor of the United States.

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[H. R. 7752.]

[Public, No. 120.]

Army.
Officers on detached service during World War to be regarded as with troops.

CHAP. 48.—An Act Relating to detached service of officers of the Regular Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, after the termination of the emergency incident to the war with Germany and Austria-Hungary, in the construction of any law relating to detached service of the officers of the Regular Army, all service performed by such officers during the said emergency shall be regarded as service with troops or organizations thereof.

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January 21, 1920.

[S. 2993.]

[Public, No. 121.]

United States courts.
Vol. 36, p. 1119,
amended.

CHAP. 50.—An Act To amend section 97 of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3, 1911.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 97 of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to

the judiciary," approved March 3, 1911, be, and it is, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 97. The State of New York is divided into four judicial districts, to be known as the northern, eastern, southern, and western districts of New York. The northern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Albany, Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saint Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Tioga, Tompkins, Warren, and Washington, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Albany on the second Tuesday in February; at Utica on the first Tuesday in December; at Binghamton on the second Tuesday in June; at Auburn on the first Tuesday in October; at Syracuse on the first Tuesday in April; and, in the discretion of the judge of the court, one term annually at such time and place within the counties of Rensselaer, Saratoga, Onondaga, Saint Lawrence, Clinton, Jefferson, Oswego, and Franklin, as he may from time to time appoint. Such appointment shall be made by notice of at least twenty days published in a newspaper published at the place where said court is to be held. The eastern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Richmond, Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Brooklyn on the first Wednesday in every month. The southern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, New York, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at New York City on the first Tuesday in each month. The district courts of the southern and eastern districts shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the waters within the counties of New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau, Richmond, and Suffolk, and over all seizures made and all matters done in such waters; all processes or orders issued within either of said courts or by any judge thereof shall run and be executed in any part of said waters. The western district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Elmira on the second Tuesday in January; at Buffalo on the second Tuesdays in March and November; at Rochester on the second Tuesday in May; at Jamestown on the second Tuesday in July; at Lockport on the second Tuesday in October; and at Canandaigua on the second Tuesday in September. The regular sessions of the district court for the western district for the hearing of motions, and for proceedings in bankruptcy and the trial of causes in admiralty, shall be held at Buffalo at least two weeks in each month of the year, except August, unless the business is sooner disposed of. The times for holding the same and such other special sessions as the court shall deem necessary shall be fixed by rules of the court. All process in admiralty causes and proceedings shall be made returnable at Buffalo. The judge of any district in the State of New York may perform the duties of the judge of any other district in such State upon the request of any resident judge entered in the minutes of his court; and in such cases such judge shall have the same powers as are vested in the resident judge."

Approved, January 21, 1920.

New York judicial districts.

Northern district.

Terms.

Rensselaer County added.

Eastern district.

Terms.

Southern district.

Terms.

Concurrent jurisdiction of eastern and southern districts. R. S., sec. 542, p. 91.

Western district.

Terms.

Bankruptcy and admiralty proceedings at Buffalo.

Interchange of judges.

January 23, 1920.
[H. R. 9039.]
[Public, No. 122.]

CHAP. 51.—An Act Releasing the claim of the United States Government to the block or square of land in the city of Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas, upon which is situated the old Federal Jail, to the city of Fort Smith for a site for a convention hall, community building, or other public purposes.

Fort Smith, Ark.
Site of old Federal
Jail granted to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue a patent granting, remitting, releasing, and quitclaiming all right, title, claim, and interest of the United States of America in and to the block or square of land in the city of Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas, bounded by Second and Third Streets and Rogers and Parker Avenues, fronting three hundred feet on Second and Third Streets and two hundred and ninety and twenty-five one-hundredths feet on Rogers and Parker Avenues, upon which is situated the old Federal Jail, being a part of section eight, township eight north, range thirty-two west, to the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, in trust, for a site for a convention hall, community building, or other public purposes: *Provided, however,* That if said land shall not be used for such purposes it shall revert to the United States.

Proviso.
Reversion.

Approved, January 23, 1920.

January 24, 1920.
[H. R. 2980.]
[Public, No. 123.]

CHAP. 53.—An Act To increase the efficiency of the Military Establishment of the United States.

Army.
Ordinance sergeant
Limitation removed.
R. S., sec. 1110, p.
204, repealed.
Vol. 39, p. 174, re-
pealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1110, Revised Statutes, and the first proviso of section 12 of the Act entitled "An Act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes," approved June 3, 1916, be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Approved, January 24, 1920.

January 24, 1920.
[H. R. 10137.]
[Public, No. 124.]

CHAP. 54.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1906, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Fire Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 2, 3, and 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1906, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Commissioners to
have exclusive juris-
diction.
Vol. 34, p. 314, amend-
ed.

"**SEC. 2.** That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint, assign to such duty or duties as they may prescribe, promote, reduce, fine, suspend, with or without pay, and remove all officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, according to such rules and regulations as said commissioners, in their exclusive jurisdiction and judgment (except as herein otherwise provided), may from time to time make, alter, or amend: *Provided,* That the rules and regulations of the fire department heretofore promulgated are hereby ratified (except as herein otherwise provided) and shall remain in force until changed by said commissioners: *Provided further,* That all officers, members, and civilian employees of such department, except the chief engineer and deputy chief engineers, shall hereafter be appointed and promoted in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled 'An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States,' approved January 16, 1883, as amended, and the rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof, in the same manner as members of the classified civil

Provisos.
Existing rules rati-
fied.

Appointments here-
after under civil serv-
ice laws.
Vol. 22, p. 403.