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hereby authorized to be appropriated, from the funds of the United States in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of such expenses as shall be necessarily incurred, including the salaries of additional employees in the administration of this Act.

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**CHAP. 254.**—An Act Granting certain public lands to the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, for reservoir purposes.

Public lands.  
Granted Shreveport,  
La., for water supply  
reservoir.

*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 hereby is, authorized and directed to issue patent or patents to the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, for use in the establishment of a reservoir for the water supply of said city, for all those tracts of land within what is known as the Cross Lake area, in townships 17 and 18 north, range 15 west, Louisiana meridian, which may be found by the Secretary of the Interior to have been islands in said Cross Lake at the date the State of Louisiana was admitted to the Union, and to which tracts no legal claims have been initiated and duly maintained under the provisions of the public land laws, and shall be timely asserted as provided herein: *Provided*, That the said city of Shreveport shall pay for said lands at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, and shall tender its application for patent, accompanied by the purchase price of the land, within six months after the approval of this Act, or within a similar period after the acceptance of the official plat or plats or survey if accepted after the date of this Act: *Provided further*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all gas, oil, coal, or other mineral deposits found at any time in the said lands and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

*Proviso.*  
Payment required.

Mineral deposits re-  
served.

Notice of application  
to be published.

Upon filing its application by the city, notice thereof shall be published at least once each week for thirty days in some newspaper in general circulation in the parish in which the land is situated.

Action on adverse  
claims.

**SEC. 2.** That no claim alleged to have been initiated and maintained under the public land laws adverse to the disposition of said lands as provided for by this Act shall be recognized, notice being given as hereinbefore provided, unless regularly presented to the Secretary of the Interior within a period allowed the city of Shreveport to file its application for patent, and no tract to which an adverse claim is asserted shall be patented to the city unless and until such claim is finally rejected by the Secretary of the Interior.

No patent to city un-  
less claim rejected.

Reversion on non-  
user.

**SEC. 3.** That the lands hereby granted shall be used by the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, only for the purpose expressed in the grant, and if said land, or any part thereof, shall be abandoned for such use it shall revert to the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the facts and declare such forfeiture and restore said land to the public domain, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive.

Declaration of for-  
feiture.

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**CHAP. 255.**—An Act Authorizing the sale of real property no longer required for military purposes.

Lands for military  
purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary