

SEC. 3. Where necessary for such electrification, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may issue permits to construct conduit systems through or under the surfaces of public streets or other District of Columbia or United States property: *Provided, however,* That three ducts therein shall be reserved for the use of the United States and the District of Columbia.

Construction of conduit systems.

*Proviso.*  
Government use of three ducts.

SEC. 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting or abridging the authority of the War Department, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Jurisdiction not abridged.

SEC. 5. The said railroad companies shall be liable for any accident to, or injuries sustained by, any person by reason of any act or omission of the railroad companies or by their agents or servants during the construction, installation, maintenance, or operation of the electrical equipment and apparatus of the railroad trains.

Liability for injuries.  
Vol. 45, p. 600.

Approved, March 27, 1934.

[CHAPTER 98.]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

March 27, 1934.  
[S. 3067.]  
[Public, No. 138.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Louisiana Highway Commission, an administrative body created and acting under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, or a railway bridge in combination with a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Mississippi River. Louisiana may bridge, at Baton Rouge.

Construction.  
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SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 27, 1934.

[CHAPTER 99.]

AN ACT

To prevent the loss of the title of the United States to lands in the territories or territorial possessions through adverse possession or prescription.

March 27, 1934.  
[H. R. 6863.]  
[Public, No. 139.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter no prescription or statute of limitations shall run, or continue to run, against the title of the United States to lands in any territory or possession or place or territory under the jurisdiction or control of the United States, including the Philippine Islands; and that no title to any such lands of the United States or any right therein shall be acquired by adverse possession or prescription, or otherwise than by conveyance from the United States.

Lands in the territories or possessions.  
Title of United States not to be lost through adverse possession or prescription.

Approved, March 27, 1934.

## [CHAPTER 100.]

## AN ACT

March 27, 1934.

[H. R. 7966.]

[Public, No. 140.]

To authorize the Postmaster General to accept and use equipment, landing fields, men, and material of the War Department, for carrying the mails by air, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the period not to exceed one year after the date of passage of this Act the Secretary of War is authorized to place at the disposal of the Postmaster General such airplanes, landing fields, pilots, and other employees and equipment of the Army of the United States as may be needed or required for the transportation of mail during such period by air over routes and schedules prescribed by the Postmaster General: *Provided*, That this authority shall not be used unless and/or until such airplanes shall be fully equipped with the special equipment necessary by standard practice for safe night and day air-mail transport; and that pilots shall not be assigned to such airplanes unless and/or until fully and adequately trained in the use of such special equipment.

Air mail, postal service.  
Temporary use of War Department equipment, etc., authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Airplane equipment.

Pilots.

Postmaster General to reimburse War Department for incurred expenses.  
Appropriation available.  
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Replacement for damaged, etc., airplane.

*Proviso.*  
Per diem allowance.  
Vol. 44, p. 688.  
U. S. C., Supp VII. p. 53.

Status of military personnel not affected by change of duty.

Injuries in line of duty.

Payment of pension prescribed by Veterans' Regulation, No. 1 (a).

*Provisos.*  
Determination of degree of disability.

Optional benefits.

Reserve officers performing duty, deemed in active service.  
Injuries, etc., benefits.

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General is authorized to transfer to the War Department such sums appropriated under the Act approved March 3, 1933, making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, for the inland transportation of mail by aircraft, and for the incidental expenses thereof incurred from and after February 10, 1934, as may be required to pay the expenses of carrying the mails of the United States as provided in section 1 hereof, including replacement for all airplanes and equipment and other material damaged, destroyed, or expended thereby: *Provided*, That officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Army on duty hereunder, while away from their permanent posts of duty, shall be paid the same per diem as is payable to civilian employees of the United States under the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended.

SEC. 3. The performance by military personnel of duty hereunder shall in no way disturb or change their military status under their respective commissions, warrants, or enlistments, in the Army, or any right, privilege, benefit, or responsibility, growing out of said military status.

SEC. 4. In case any officer (including warrant and Reserve officers) or enlisted man is injured or killed while performing duty hereunder, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to pay to such officer or enlisted man, and/or his dependents, pension at the rate prescribed in part I, Veterans' Regulation Numbered 1 (a), and amendments thereto: *Provided*, That in the event of injury of any such officer or enlisted man the degree of disability resulting therefrom shall be determined pursuant to the rating schedule authorized by Veterans' Regulation Numbered 3 (a): *Provided further*, That choice shall be made of the benefits provided in sections 4 and 5 of this Act.

SEC. 5. Reserve officers performing duty hereunder shall be deemed to be in the active military service and if injured or killed such officer and/or his dependents and beneficiaries shall be entitled to the same benefits as in the case of officers of the Regular Army and/or their dependents and beneficiaries. Section 4 and this section shall be deemed to take effect on February 10, 1934.