

## [CHAPTER 280]

## AN ACT

June 8, 1940  
[H. R. 5477]

[Public, No. 569]

For the benefit of the Indians of the Crow Reservation, Montana, and for other purposes.

Crow Indian Reser-  
vation, Mont.  
41 Stat. 752.

*Proviso.*  
Sale or exchange of  
allotted, etc., lands.

Transaction to be  
upon petition; signers.

Issuance of new  
patent.

24 Stat. 389.  
25 U. S. C. § 348.

41 Stat. 753.  
Retention of min-  
eral rights.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), entitled "An Act to provide for the allotment of lands of the Crow Tribe, for the distribution of tribal funds, and for other purposes", is hereby amended by inserting the following at the end of paragraph 1: "*Provided,* That for the purpose of consolidating the restricted land holdings of any individual Crow allottee or the holdings of members of a Crow family, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to approve sales of allotted and inherited Indian lands to members of the Crow Tribe or the exchange of restricted Crow lands without regard to the acreage limitation hereinbefore set out. Any sales or exchange made hereunder shall be upon a petition signed by the adult allottee and by the adult heirs of any deceased allottee and the parent or natural guardian of a minor heir or, if there be no natural guardian, by the officer in charge of the Crow Agency, and if the purchaser or recipient of such lands be an Indian of the Crow Tribe, then any outstanding trust patent or patents covering the land so sold or exchanged shall be canceled and a new patent of the force and legal effect of the trust patents as prescribed by the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), as amended, shall be issued to such Indian or Indians, which patent where applicable shall contain the mineral reservation provided in section 6 of this Act. Should any Crow allottee wish to retain mineral rights now owned by him in land, sold hereunder to other members of the tribe, he may do so by making conveyance on a form of deed to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, which form shall provide that its approval shall not operate to remove any trust or other conditions imposed upon said lands as expressed in the original trust or any other patent issued therefor."

Approved, June 8, 1940.

## [CHAPTER 281]

## AN ACT

June 8, 1940  
[H. R. 5784]

[Public, No. 570]

To provide for the conservation and transfer of accumulated sick leave and vacation time due classified civil-service employees who succeed to the position of postmaster, and for other purposes.

Postal Service.  
Retention of ac-  
crued sick and annual  
leave by civil-service  
employees appointed  
postmasters.

*Provisos.*  
Transfer of accrued  
leave.

Act retroactive as to  
certain postmasters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every classified civil-service employee who shall be appointed to the position of postmaster shall retain to his credit whatever amount of sick leave and vacation time is properly due him on the date of his appointment to the position of postmaster: *Provided,* That such accumulated sick leave and vacation time shall be transferred to the credit of the employee as of the date of his appointment as postmaster in the same manner as the time might have been utilized by him before appointment: *Provided further,* That this Act shall be retroactive to the extent that every postmaster at a first- or second-class post office who shall have received appointment as postmaster while an employee of the classified civil-service and who shall hold the position of postmaster on the date this Act becomes effective, shall be entitled to the

benefits of the Act and shall be credited with the amount of accumulated sick leave and vacation time which was due him on the date of his appointment as postmaster: *Provided further*, That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 8, 1940.

Repeal of inconsistent laws.

[CHAPTER 282]

AN ACT

To repeal the prohibition against the filling of a vacancy in the office of district judge for the southern district of New York.

June 8, 1940

[H. R. 5906]

[Public, No. 571]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provision of subsection (d) of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of additional judges for certain United States district courts, circuit courts of appeals, and certain courts of the United States for the District of Columbia", approved May 31, 1938 (52 Stat. 585; U. S. C., title 28, sec. 4j-1), which reads: "*Provided*, That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge for the southern district of New York by the retirement, disqualification, resignation, or death of judges in office on the date of enactment of this Act shall not be filled", be, and it is hereby, repealed.

United States courts.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. V,  
§ 4j-1.

New York southern district.  
Filling of vacancy.

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 283]

AN ACT

Granting to the regents of the University of New Mexico the right to alienate certain lands conveyed to them under authority of the Act of Congress, approved August 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 659), in exchange for an equivalent amount of land more expediently situated.

June 8, 1940

[H. R. 5961]

[Public, No. 572]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the regents of the University of New Mexico be, and they are hereby, authorized to convey to the Santa Ana Pueblo that certain portion of the lands patented to them under authority of the Act of Congress, approved August 19, 1935 (Public, Numbered 284, Seventy-fourth Congress), described as follows:

University of New Mexico.  
Conveyance of certain lands by, to Santa Ana Pueblo, authorized.  
49 Stat. 659.

A strip of land one hundred feet wide extending along the north and west boundaries of the northwest quarter section 30, and a strip of land one hundred feet wide extending along the north boundary of lot 7, section 30, all in township 13 north, range 4 east, New Mexico principal meridian, New Mexico, these tracts comprising thirteen and three-tenths acres, more or less;

Description.

That the pueblo of Santa Ana, a community of Pueblo Indians residing in New Mexico, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, is hereby authorized to convey to the regents of the University of New Mexico and the said regents of the University of New Mexico are hereby authorized to accept from the said Santa Ana Pueblo in exchange for the aforesaid lands, lots 3 and 6 and that portion of lot 2, section 30, township 13 north, range 4 east, New Mexico principal meridian, New Mexico, lying south of a line beginning at a point on the west boundary of lot 2, north eight degrees fifty minutes east six hundred and ninety-two and eight-tenths feet from angle point one on the west boundary of the El Ranchito grant and bearing south sixty-three degrees forty minutes east to the west bank of the Rio Grande, containing a total area of

Conveyance of Santa Ana Pueblo lands.

Description.