

[CHAPTER 350]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to an amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, providing a method for executing leases for grazing and agricultural purposes on lands granted or confirmed to the State of New Mexico by the Act of Congress approved June 20, 1910.

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 6625]
[Public Law 590]

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 State of New Mexico and the qualified electors thereof to amend the constitution of such State by the adoption of the following amendment proposed by the legislature of said State at its fifteenth regular session by Senate Joint Resolution Numbered 8, approved April 4, 1941, to be added to the end of article XXIV of the constitution of said State, to be designated as: "Paragraph (A), Article XXIV" and entitled: "Contracts Relating to Grazing and Agricultural Leases Upon State Lands", said amendment being as follows, to wit:

New Mexico.
Amendment of State
constitution.

Execution of leases
for grazing and agri-
cultural purposes.

"Leases for grazing and agricultural purposes on lands granted or confirmed to the State of New Mexico by the Act of Congress of June 20, 1910, entitled 'An Act to enable the people of New Mexico to form a constitution and State government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; and to enable the people of Arizona to form a constitution and State government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States', may be made under such provisions relating to the necessity or requirements for or the mode and manner of the appraisal, advertisement, and competitive bidding, and containing such terms and provisions as may be provided by the act of the legislature; the rentals and other proceeds therefrom to be applied and conserved in accordance with the provisions of said Act of Congress for the support or in aid of the common schools or for the attainment of the respective purposes for which these several grants of land were made."

36 Stat. 557.

SEC. 2. The consent of Congress also is granted to such State to enact such laws and establish such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to carry such constitutional provision into full force and effect upon its adoption.

Enactment of State
laws, etc., upon adop-
tion.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 351]

AN ACT

To provide that the unexplained absence of any individual for seven years shall be deemed sufficient evidence of death for the purpose of laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 6646]
[Public Law 591]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no State law providing for presumption of death shall be applicable to claims for benefits under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration. If satisfactory evidence is produced establishing the fact of the continued and unexplained absence of any individual from his home and family for a period of seven years, and that after diligent search no evidence of his existence after date of disappearance has been found or otherwise received, the death of such absentee as of the date of the expiration of such period may be considered as sufficiently proved: *Provided,* That, except in a suit brought pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, or section 617 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, the finding of death made by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall be final and conclusive.

Veterans' Adminis-
tration.
Presumption of
death after 7 years'
unexplained absence.

Proviso.
43 Stat. 612; 54 Stat.
1014.
38 U. S. C. §§ 445,
817.
Post, p. 659.

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[CHAPTER 352]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 7008]
[Public Law 592]

To authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to issue notes, bonds, and debentures in the sum of \$5,000,000,000 in excess of existing authority.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation.
Increase of lending authority.
Ante, p. 176.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount of notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time under existing law is hereby increased by \$5,000,000,000.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 353]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 7097]
[Public Law 593]

To amend section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company to extend its present track connection with the United States navy yard so as to provide adequate railroad facilities in connection with the development of Buzzards Point as an industrial area in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 18, 1932 (47 Stat. 322), as amended by the Act approved June 20, 1939 (53 Stat. 849).

District of Columbia.
Buzzards Point, extension of railroad facilities.

D. O. Code § 7-1216.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company to extend its present track connection with the United States navy yard so as to provide adequate railroad facilities in connection with the development of Buzzards Point as an industrial area in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 18, 1932 (47 Stat. 322), as amended by the Act approved June 20, 1939 (53 Stat. 849), is hereby further amended to read as follows: "That The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company is hereby authorized to establish a switch connection with an existing track in its New Jersey Avenue yard, at a point north of the north curb line of I Street Southeast; thence southward on First Street Southeast to and connecting with the existing track on First Street Southeast at or about N Street, with a switch connection at or about Quander Street and spur track running over, across, and through square 743 to and into the United States navy yard; thence southward on First Street Southeast to and thence along Potomac Avenue to the west line of Second Street Southwest, with all necessary switches, extensions, turnouts, and sidings and such other track extensions through and along One-half Street Southwest, and Second Street Southwest, south of Potomac Avenue and north of Potomac Avenue to P Street, and One-half Street Southeast, south of Potomac Avenue and north of Potomac Avenue to O Street, as may be or become necessary for the establishment of adequate railroad facilities in connection with the development of Buzzards Point as an industrial area in the District of Columbia."

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 380]

AN ACT

June 6, 1942
[H. R. 2685]
[Public Law 594]

To authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

Recreational demonstration projects.
Conveyance or lease to States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, except as provided in section 2 hereof, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) is authorized, with the approval