

June 25, 1910.

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[Public, No. 271.]

CHAP. 389.—An Act To authorize the McKeesport and Mifflin Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Monongahela River between McKeesport and Mifflin Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Monongahela River.
McKeesport and
Mifflin Bridge Com-
pany may bridge, at
McKeesport, Pa.

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Amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the McKeesport and Mifflin Bridge Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, is hereby authorized to construct a bridge across the Monongahela River from a point suitable to the interests of navigation on Market street, in the city of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, to a point on the opposite side of said river in the township of Mifflin, said county and State, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

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

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CHAP. 390.—An Act Providing for the erection of a memorial arch at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Valley Forge, Pa.
Expenditure for
memorial arch at,
authorized.
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Provisos.
Direction, etc., of
Secretary of War.

Care, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the expenditure of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, authorized, for the erection upon the site of the encampment during the winter of seventeen hundred and seventy-seven to seventeen hundred and seventy-eight of the American Army at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, of a memorial arch within the Valley Forge Park, in commemoration of the patriotism displayed and the suffering endured by General George Washington, his officers, and men during said winter: *Provided,* That the money authorized to be expended as aforesaid shall be expended by the Valley Forge Park Commission under the direction of the Secretary of War, and that the location, plans, specifications, and designs for the said arch shall be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided further,* That when the said arch is erected the responsibility for the care and keeping of the same shall be with the said Valley Forge Park Commission or as may otherwise be provided by the State of Pennsylvania and without expense to the United States.

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[H. R. 1448.]

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CHAP. 391.—An Act Transferring swamp lands to the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin.
Swamp lands trans-
ferred 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 authorized to transfer to the State of Wisconsin the following-described swamp lands: The west half of the southeast quarter, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, all in section thirty-one, in township twelve north, range fourteen east.

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[H. R. 2250.]

[Public, No. 274.]

CHAP. 392.—An Act Providing for publicity of contributions made for the purpose of influencing elections at which Representatives in Congress are elected.

Publicity to political
contributions.
Political committees
defined.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the term "political committee" under the provisions of this Act shall include the national committees of all political parties and the national congress-

sional campaign committees of all political parties and all committees, associations, or organizations which shall in two or more States influence the result or attempt to influence the result of an election at which Representatives in Congress are to be elected.

SEC. 2. That every political committee as defined in this Act shall have a chairman and a treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a detailed and exact account of all money or its equivalent received by or promised to such committee or any member thereof, or by or to any person acting under its authority or in its behalf, and the name of every person, firm, association, or committee from whom received, and of all expenditures, disbursements, and promises of payment or disbursement made by the committee or any member thereof, or by any person acting under its authority or in its behalf, and to whom paid, distributed, or disbursed. No officer or member of such committee, or other person acting under its authority or in its behalf, shall receive any money or its equivalent, or expend or promise to expend any money on behalf of such committee, until after a chairman and treasurer of such committee shall have been chosen.

Officers required.
Duties of treasurer.
Accounts.

SEC. 3. That every payment or disbursement made by a political committee exceeding ten dollars in amount be evidenced by a receipted bill stating the particulars of expense, and every such record, voucher, receipt, or account shall be preserved for fifteen months after the election to which it relates.

Receipts for all expenses.

Preservation.

SEC. 4. That whoever, acting under the authority or in behalf of such political committee, whether as a member thereof or otherwise, receives any contribution, payment, loan, gift, advance, deposit, or promise of money or its equivalent shall, on demand, and in any event within five days after the receipt of such contribution, payment, loan, gift, advance, deposit, or promise, render to the treasurer of such political committee a detailed account of the same, together with the name and address from whom received, and said treasurer shall forthwith enter the same in a ledger or record to be kept by him for that purpose.

Detailed statement of contributions to be given treasurer.

Recording.

SEC. 5. That the treasurer of every such political committee shall, within thirty days after the election at which Representatives in Congress were chosen in two or more States, file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington, District of Columbia, an itemized, detailed statement, sworn to by said treasurer and conforming to the requirements of the following section of this Act. The statement so filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be preserved by him for fifteen months, and shall be a part of the public records of his office, and shall be open to public inspection.

Statement to Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Preservation and inspection.

SEC. 6. That the statements required by the preceding section of this Act shall state:

Details.

First. The name and address of each person, firm, association, or committee who or which has contributed, promised, loaned, or advanced to such political committee, or any officer, member, or agent thereof, either in one or more items, money or its equivalent of the aggregate amount or value of one hundred dollars or more.

Contributions, etc., of \$100 or more.

Second. The total sum contributed, promised, loaned, or advanced to such political committee, or to any officer, member, or agent thereof, in amounts less than one hundred dollars.

Less than \$100.

Third. The total sum of all contributions, promises, loans, and advances received by such political committee or any officer, member, or agent thereof.

Total amount received.

Fourth. The name and address of each person, firm, association, or committee to whom such political committee, or any officer, member, or agent thereof, has disbursed, distributed, contributed, loaned,

Statement of payments of \$10 and more.

advanced, or promised any sum of money or its equivalent of the amount or value of ten dollars or more, and the purpose thereof.

Payments less than \$10.

Fifth. The total sum disbursed, distributed, contributed, loaned, advanced, or promised by such political committee, or any officer, member, or agent thereof, where the amount or value of such disbursement, distribution, loan, advance, or promise to any one person, firm, association, or committee in one or more items is less than ten dollars.

Total amount disbursed, etc.

Sixth. The total sum disbursed, distributed, contributed, loaned, advanced, or promised by such political committee or any officer, member, or agent thereof.

Statement from others not made to political committee.

SEC. 7. That every person, firm, association, or committee, except political committees as hereinbefore defined, that shall expend or promise any sum of money or other thing of value amounting to fifty dollars or more for the purpose of influencing or controlling, in two or more States, the result of an election at which Representatives to the Congress of the United States are elected, unless he or it shall contribute the same to a political committee as hereinbefore defined, shall file the statements of the same under oath, as required by section six of this Act, in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, at Washington, District of Columbia, which statements shall be held by said Clerk in all respects as required by section five of this Act.

Personal, traveling, etc., expenses excepted.

SEC. 8. That any person may in connection with such election incur and pay from his own private funds for the purpose of influencing or controlling, in two or more States, the result of an election at which Representatives to the Congress of the United States are elected all personal expenses for his traveling and for purposes incidental to traveling, for stationery and postage, and for telegraph and telephone service without being subject to the provisions of this Act.

Legal expenses to maintain or contest elections.

SEC. 9. That nothing contained in this Act shall limit or affect the right of any person to spend money for proper legal expenses in maintaining or contesting the results of any election.

Punishment for violations.

SEC. 10. That every person willfully violating any of the foregoing provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

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CHAP. 393.—An Act For the relief of soldiers and sailors who enlisted or served under assumed names, while minors or otherwise, in the army or navy, during the war of the rebellion, the war with Spain, or the Philippine insurrection.

Army and Navy.
Discharge certificates.

Vol. 26, p. 55,
amended.

Issued in true name,
to persons serving as
minors under assumed.

War with Spain and
in Philippines added.

Restriction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of soldiers and sailors who enlisted or served under assumed names, while minors or otherwise, in the army or navy, during the war of the rebellion," approved April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to issue certificates of discharge or orders of acceptance of resignation, upon application and proof of identity, in the true name of such persons as enlisted or served under assumed names, while minors or otherwise, in the army and navy during the war of the rebellion, the war with Spain, or the Philippine insurrection, and were honorably discharged therefrom. Applications for said certificates of discharge or amended orders of acceptance of resignation may be made by, or on behalf of, persons entitled to them; but no such certificate or order shall be issued where a name was assumed to cover a crime or to avoid its consequence.