

ings, civil and criminal, arising in or coming from said county and begun and pending at the date of the taking effect of this Act, and of all criminal offenses committed in said county prior to the date this Act goes into effect, the prosecution of which has not been begun, as completely as if this Act were not passed.

Approved, February 7, 1911.

February 9, 1911.
[S. 9449.]

[Public, No. 346.]

CHAP. 42.—An Act To provide a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument or memorial to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln Memorial
Commission created.
Composition, duties,
etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William H. Taft, Shelby M. Cullom, Joseph G. Cannon, George Peabody Wetmore, Samuel Walker McCall, Hernando D. Money, and Champ Clark are hereby created a commission, to be known as the Lincoln Memorial Commission, to procure and determine upon a location, plan, and design for a monument or memorial in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, subject to the approval of Congress.

Employment of
artists, etc.

SEC. 2. That in the discharge of its duties hereunder said commission is authorized to employ the services of such artists, sculptors, architects, and others as it shall determine to be necessary, and to avail itself of the services or advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, created by the Act approved May seventeenth, nineteen hundred and ten.

Commission of Fine
Arts.
Ante, p. 371.

Selection of site.

SEC. 3. That the construction of the monument or memorial, herein and hereby authorized, shall be upon such site as shall be determined by the commission herein created, and approved by Congress, and said construction shall be entered upon as speedily as practicable after the plan and design therefor is determined upon and approved by Congress, and shall be prosecuted to completion, under the direction of said commission and the supervision of the Secretary of War, under a contract or contracts hereby authorized to be entered into by said Secretary in a total sum not exceeding two million dollars.

Contracts.
Cost.

Filling vacancies.

SEC. 4. That vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment by the President of the United States.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. That to defray the necessary expenses of the commission herein created and the cost of procuring plans or designs for a memorial or monument, as herein provided, there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be immediately available.

Annual estimates.

SEC. 6. That said commission shall annually submit to Congress an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be expended each year to carry on the work herein authorized.

Inconsistent laws
repealed.
Vol. 32, p. 486.

SEC. 7. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 9, 1911.

February 13, 1911.
[S. 4239.]

[Public, No. 347.]

CHAP. 43.—An Act To amend section one hundred and eighty-three of the Revised Statutes.

Oaths in investiga-
tions.
R. S., sec. 183, p. 29,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one hundred and eighty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Oaths to witnesses.
Executive officers
may administer.

“**SEC. 183.** Any officer or clerk of any of the departments lawfully detailed to investigate frauds on, or attempts to defraud, the Government, or any irregularity or misconduct of any officer or agent of the