CHAP. 104.—An Act To amend section one hundred and three of the Act entitled “An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary,” approved March third, nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by the Act of Congress approved March third, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one hundred and three of an Act entitled “An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary,” approved March third, nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by the Act of Congress approved March third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 103. That the State of Pennsylvania is divided into three judicial districts, to be known as the eastern, middle, and western districts of Pennsylvania. The eastern district shall include the territory embraced on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and ten, in the counties of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill. Terms of the district court shall be held at Philadelphia on the second Mondays in March and June, the third Monday in September, and the second Monday in December, each term to continue until the succeeding term begins. The middle district shall include the territory embraced on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and ten, in the counties of Adams, Bradford, Cameron, Carbon, Center, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming, and York. Terms of the district court shall be held at Scranton on the second Monday in March and the third Monday in October, at Harrisburg on the first Mondays in May and December, at Sunbury on the second Monday in January, and at Williamsport on the first Monday in June. The clerk of the court for the middle district shall maintain an office, in charge of himself or a deputy, at Harrisburg, and civil suits instituted at that place shall be tried there, if either party resides nearest that place of holding court, unless by consent of parties they are removed to another place for trial. The western district shall include the territory embraced on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and ten, in the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland. Terms of the district court shall be held at Pittsburgh on the first Monday of May and the first Monday of November, and sessions of the court shall be held at Erie on the third Monday of March and the third Monday of September. The clerk and marshal of said district shall have their principal offices at Pittsburgh, and shall maintain by themselves or by their deputies, offices at Erie. The Clerk shall place all cases in which the defendants reside in the counties of said district nearest Erie, upon the trial list for trial at Erie, where the same shall be tried, unless the parties thereto stipulate that the same may be tried at Pittsburgh.”

Approved, June 6, 1914.

CHAP. 106.—An Act To amend section five of “An Act to provide for the opening, maintenance, protection, and operation of the Panama Canal and the sanitation and government of the Canal Zone,” approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence in section five of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the opening,
maintenance, protection, and operation of the Panama Canal, and the sanitation and government of the Canal Zone,” approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, which reads as follows: “No tolls shall be levied upon vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States,” be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Sec. 2. That the third sentence of the third paragraph of said section of said Act be so amended as to read as follows: “When based upon net registered tonnage for ships of commerce the tolls shall not exceed $1.25 per net registered ton, nor be less than 75 cents per net registered ton, subject, however, to the provisions of article nineteen of the convention between the United States and the Republic of Panama, entered into November eighteenth, nineteen hundred and three”: Provided, That the passage of this Act shall not be construed or held as a waiver or relinquishment of any right the United States may have under the treaty with Great Britain, ratified the twenty-first of February, nineteen hundred and two, or the treaty with the Republic of Panama, ratified February twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and four, or otherwise, to discriminate in favor of its vessels by exempting the vessels of the United States or its citizens from the payment of tolls for passage through said canal, or as in any way waiving, impairing, or affecting any right of the United States under said treaties, or otherwise, with respect to the sovereignty over or the ownership, control, and management of said canal and the regulation of the conditions or charges of traffic through the same.

Approved, June 15, 1914.

CHAP. 107.—An Act To increase the limit of cost for the erection and completion of the United States Federal building at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision in section two of the public building Act of June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten, for the enlargement, extension, remodeling, or improvement of the post office and courthouse at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to increase by $75,000 the limit of cost fixed by this Act for said work; and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to enter into contracts for the completion of said enlargement, extension, remodeling, and improvement of said building within said limit of cost as hereby extended.

Approved, June 15, 1914.

CHAP. 115.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River near Kansas City.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Kansas, its successors and assigns, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway, trolley, and railroad bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Missouri River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation between the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway bridge and the mouth of the Big Blue River, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the 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.

Approved, June 17, 1914.