
CHAP. 450.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to convey certain portions of the military reservation of the Presidio of San Francisco to the city and county of San Francisco for educational, art, exposition, and park purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey to the city and county of San Francisco, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified, for educational, art, exposition, and park purposes, that portion of the military reservation of the Presidio of San Francisco in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, on which the Palace of Fine Arts is located, included within metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at a point on the westerly line of Lyon Street, distant thereon five and seventeen one-hundredths feet southerly from the northerly line of Bay Street, if extended and produced westerly, and running thence northerly along the westerly line of Lyon Street one thousand one hundred and ninety-six and eighty one-hundredths feet; thence southwesterly on a curve to the left of six hundred and twenty feet radius, central angle one hundred and fifty-five degrees forty-seven minutes and fifty seconds, tangent to a line deflected one hundred and two degrees six minutes and five seconds to the left from the preceding course a distance of one thousand six hundred and sixty-four and thirteen one-hundredths feet to the westerly line of Lyon Street and the point of commencement, containing nine and ninety-three one-hundredths acres, more or less: Provided, however, in the event of war or any other great national emergency, the United States shall have the right, which it hereby reserves, to take exclusive possession of said land and all improvements thereon, without the payment of any compensation therefor, and to hold, occupy, and use the same during the continuance of such war or emergency.

Said grant shall become effective only in the event that the city and county of San Francisco shall grant to the United States the right to maintain and operate over its public streets a spur track railroad extending from Fort Mason Military Reservation in the city and county of San Francisco to said Presidio Reservation, over such route or routes as may be determined by resolution or ordinance of the board of supervisors of said city and county and approved by the Secretary of War. If, before the 1st day of July, 1927, the city and county of San Francisco shall fail to grant by valid ordinance to the United States the right to maintain and operate said spur track, this grant shall become null and void, and title to said premises shall revert to the United States: Provided, however, That in any event until the 1st day of July, 1927, said city and county of San Francisco, may use, occupy, and retain possession of said Palace of Fine Arts and the ground upon which it is located.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 451.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Yell and Pope County bridge district, Dardanelle and Russellville, Arkansas, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Arkansas River, at or near the city of Dardanelle, Yell County, Arkansas.

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 Yell and Pope County bridge district, Dardanelle and Russellville, Arkansas, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Arkansas River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or

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Description.

Right subject to grant of use of streets for railroad track, Fort Mason to the Presidio.

Conveyance null and void if ordinance not granted.

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Arkansas River. Yell and Pope County bridge district may bridge, Dardanelle, Ark.
near the city of Dardanelle, in the county of Yell, in the State of Arkansas, and in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,” approved March 23, 1906.

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

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 452.—An Act Authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Colorado River near Blythe, California.

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 John Lyle Harrington, or his assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Colorado River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near the city of Blythe, California, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,” approved March 23, 1906: Provided, That the location, design, plans, and specifications for said bridge shall first be submitted to and approved by the highway departments of the States of Arizona and California as being safe and sufficient from the standpoint of the traffic which will pass thereover.

Sec. 2. The States of Arizona and California, or either thereof, or any political subdivision or divisions thereof, may jointly or severally, at any time after five years from the completion of said bridge, take over and acquire the complete ownership thereof at a price to be mutually agreed upon by the owner thereof and such State or States or subdivision or divisions thereof, or at a price to be determined by condemnation proceedings in accordance with the general laws of the State of Arizona or the State of California governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation, or at a price to be fixed by such other method as may be provided by law: Provided, That if such bridge shall be acquired by the said States or either thereof, or by any political or other subdivision or divisions thereof, by condemnation or other legal proceedings in accordance with the general laws governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes, in determining the measure of damages or compensation to be paid for the same there shall not be included any credit or allowance for good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but the same shall be limited to an amount not exceeding the cost of constructing such bridge and approaches thereto, including interest and other charges incidental to any necessary loans made in connection with financing such construction, engineering services, necessary contingent expenses, actual and necessary betterments and improvements, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation: Provided further, That if such bridge shall be acquired or taken over by the States of Arizona and California, or either of them, or by any political subdivision or divisions thereof, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the same may be operated by such State or States or political subdivision or divisions thereof as a toll bridge for a period of not to exceed five years from the date of the acquisition thereof, after which time it shall be and remain a free bridge.

Sec. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal of this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1925.