

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1853, and ended on Monday, the 7th day of August, 1854.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. DAVID R. ATCHISON, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. LINN BOYD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I. — *An Act concerning the District Courts of the United States in California.* Jan. 18, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a district judge for the southern judicial district heretofore established in the State of California; and that the sessions of the district court at San Jose, Stockton, and Sacramento, are hereby abolished. And in case of the sickness, or other inability, of the district judge for the southern district of California to hold the terms of the district court at the places prescribed by law, or at either of them, it shall be lawful for the district judge of the northern district of California to hold the said sessions of the district court for the southern district, or any of them. And in case the district judge for the northern judicial district of California shall, from sickness or other cause, be unable to hold the sessions of the district court for the northern district of California at the times and places appointed by law, or either of them, it shall and may be lawful for the district judge for the southern district of California to hold said sessions of the district court for the northern district of California, or any or either of them.

Judge to be appointed for the Southern District.

Sessions of court.

Provision for sickness or other inability of either district judge.

APPROVED, January 18, 1854.

CHAP. II. — *An Act to continue in force the Act entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," and for other purposes.* Jan. 18, 1854.

1855, ch. 25.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California," passed March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, be, and the same is hereby, continued in force for one year from and after the third day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the purpose of enabling the board of commissioners appointed under said act to determine the claims presented to said board under the act aforesaid.

Act of 1851, ch. 41, continued in force for a certain purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said board of commissioners may appoint one or more, not exceeding three, competent persons to act as commissioners in the taking of testimony to be used before said board, who shall receive a compensation to be fixed by said board, but not to exceed ten dollars per diem.

Commissioners to take testimony.

APPROVED, January 18, 1854.