

an amendment, either party may appear and act in person, or by agent or attorney.

SEC. 4. All officers taking testimony to be used in a contested election case, whether by deposition or otherwise, shall, when the taking of the same is completed, and without unnecessary delay, certify the same, and carefully seal and immediately forward the same by mail addressed to the clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, Washington, D. C.; and shall also endorse upon the envelope containing such deposition or testimony the name of the case in which it is taken, together with the name of the party in whose behalf it is taken, and shall subscribe such endorsement. Upon the written request of either party the clerk of the House of Representatives shall open any deposition at any time after he shall have received the same, and he may furnish either party with a copy thereof.

Parties may appear personally or by attorney.

Officers taking testimony to send the same when completed, by mail, under seal, to the clerk of the House of Representatives, with indorsement.

Depositions, how to be opened, &c.
Copies.

APPROVED, January 10, 1873.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act for the Extension of Time to the Winona and Saint Peter Railroad Company for the Completion of its Road.*

Jan. 10, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the time for the completion of the railroad from Winona, in the State of Minnesota, via Saint Peter, to a point on the Big Sioux River, south of the forty-fifth parallel of north latitude, as limited in the act entitled "An act extending the time for the completion of certain land-grant railroads in the States of Iowa and Minnesota," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, be extended for six months from the expiration of the time limited in the said act; and if completed within said six months, the said railroad shall be entitled to the benefit of the several provisions of said act, in the same manner as if said road had been fully completed within the time therein mentioned

Time for completion of the Winona and St. Peter Railroad extended.

1865, ch. 105. Vol. xiii. p. 525.

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CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act to release to the State of Indiana the Lands known as the Bed of Beaver Lake, in Newton County, in said State.*

Jan. 11, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lands in Newton county in the State of Indiana, known as the bed of Beaver Lake, the same having been drained and reclaimed at the expense of the State of Indiana and its assignees be, and the same are hereby, released and quit-claimed to the State of Indiana.

Certain lands in Newton county, Indiana, released to that State.

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CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act authorizing the East Chester National Bank of Mount Vernon to change its Location and Name.*

Jan. 11, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the East Chester National Bank of Mount Vernon, now located in the village of Mount Vernon, county of Westchester, and State of New York, is hereby authorized to change its location to the city of Evansville, county of Vanderburgh, and State of Indiana. Whenever the stockholders, representing three-fourths of the capital of said bank, at a meeting called for that purpose, determine to make such change, the president and cashier shall execute a certificate under the corporate seal of the bank, specifying such determination, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the office of the comptroller of the currency; and thereupon such change of location shall be effected, and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank shall be carried on, and its general business conducted, in the city of Evansville, Indiana.

East Chester National Bank of Mount Vernon may change its location and name.

Proceedings.

Rights and liabilities of bank not affected.

Change to be advertised.

When location is changed, name to be German National Bank of Evansville, if, &c.

Rights, liabilities, &c., to continue on the bank under the new name.

When act takes effect.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability, or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested. And when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof, and of such change, shall be published in one weekly paper in the village of Mount Vernon not less than four weeks.

SEC. 3. That whenever the location of said bank shall have been changed from the village of Mount Vernon to the city of Evansville, in accordance with the first section of this act, its name shall be changed to the German National Bank of Evansville, if the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of such resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the comptroller of the currency.

SEC. 4. That all the debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the East Chester National Bank of Mount Vernon shall devolve upon the German National Bank of Evansville whenever the change of location and name as provided in the first section of this act shall be effected.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage.

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CHAP. XXXIV. — *An Act to authorize the Employment of Keepers, and Crews of Surfmen for the life-saving Stations on the Coasts of Cape Cod, and Block Island, and for other Purposes.*

Secretary of the Treasury to appoint keepers and crews for the life-saving stations on Cape Cod and Block Island: their pay.

Stations to be under whose supervision.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a keeper for each of the ten life-saving stations on the coasts of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Block Island, Rhode Island, whose compensation shall be at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum, and to employ crews of experienced surfmen at such stations and for such periods as he may deem necessary and proper, and at such compensation as he may deem reasonable, not to exceed forty dollars per month for each person to be employed.

SEC. 2. That the life-saving stations at Narragansett Pier, and Block Island, Rhode Island, are hereby placed under the supervision of the superintendent of life-saving stations for the coast of Long Island.

SEC. 3. That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act during the current fiscal year.

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Jan. 15, 1873.
1872, ch. 322, §12.
Acte, p. 264.

CHAP. XXXV. — *An Act to amend Section twelve of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Appointment of Shipping-Commissioners," &c., approved June seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.*

Law requiring masters of certain vessels to make a written agreement with seamen, before, &c., not to apply to vessels engaged in certain trade.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve of the act entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of shipping-commissioners," &c., approved June seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be amended by adding to said section the following proviso: "*Provided further,* That this section shall not apply to masters of vessels when engaged in trade between the United States and the British North American possessions, or the West India Islands, or the Republic of Mexico."

APPROVED, January 15, 1873.