
CHAP. 1062.—An act to transfer to the State of Louisiana for quarantine purposes the possession of certain lands on the Mississippi River belonging to the United States, and for other purposes.

Whereas, it has become necessary, in the opinion of the board of health of the State of Louisiana, to remove the Mississippi River quarantine station from its present location to a point more remote from the surrounding settlements in order to isolate it more effectually from contact with the people living in the neighborhood, and to prevent intercourse between vessels in quarantine and the adjacent shores, and thus prevent the danger of spreading contagious diseases; and

Whereas there are no other lands suitable or available for the re-location of said station at a point lower on the Mississippi River than its present site other than certain lands, a portion of which belonging to the United States, and especially withdrawn from public sale or entry by proclamation of the President of June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-five: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of maintaining a quarantine station on the Mississippi River the United States hereby transfers to the State of Louisiana the possession of all that portion of land known as sections thirteen and fourteen, in township twenty-one south, range nineteen east, south-eastern district of Louisiana, east of the Mississippi River, said lands measuring twelve hundred and seventy-two feet front on the Mississippi River, being swamp lands, and extending a half mile to the sea in the rear, and bounded above by section twelve, patented to Jonathan Jones and Peter Runder in eighteen hundred and forty-three, and bounded below by section fifteen, patented to Janet Bister and Angelo Laussade in eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, which sections thirteen and fourteen were withdrawn from public sale or entry by proclamation of the President in eighteen hundred and seventy-five: Provided, That should the State of Louisiana at any time cease to use said lands for quarantine purposes, or should the same be needed for the purposes for which they were originally reserved, then the Government of the United States shall resume the possession of said lands on the order of the President, whose decision in the premises shall be final.

Approved, October 1, 1888.

CHAP. 1063.—An act to create boards of arbitration or commission for settling controversies and differences between railroad corporations and other common carriers engaged in interstate and Territorial transportation of property or passengers and their employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever differences or controversies arise between railroad or other transportation companies engaged in the transportation of property or passengers between two or more States of the United States, between a Territory and State, within the Territories of the United States, or within the District of Columbia, and the employees of said railroad companies, which differences or controversies may hinder, impede, obstruct, interrupt, or affect such transportation of property or passengers, if, upon the written proposition of either party to the controversy to submit their differences to arbitration, the other party shall accept the proposition, then and in such event the railroad company is hereby authorized to select and appoint one person, and such employee or employees, as the case may be, to select and appoint another person, and the two persons thus selected and appointed to select a third person, all three of whom shall be citizens of the United States of America.