

SEC. 3. That of the amount found due and awarded as damages for and in respect of the land condemned under this act for the extending of said avenue, one-half thereof shall be assessed by said jury in said proceedings against those pieces or parcels of ground situate and lying on each side of said Rhode Island avenue extended, between Florida avenue, Maple avenue, Linden street, and Le Droit avenue; and also those contained in squares eighteen and nineteen and the south half of square twenty in the recorded addition to Le Droit Park; and also those contained in blocks one and two, and the northwest corner lot of block seven in the subdivision known and designated as Bloomingdale; and also against so much of that tract of land known and designated as the David Moore tract as lies west of North Capitol street.

Assessments against abutting property, etc.

SEC. 4. That the sums to be severally assessed against each lot and piece or parcel of ground shall be determined and designated by the jury, and in determining what amount shall be assessed against any particular piece or parcel of ground, the jury shall take into consideration the situation of such lots and each of them, and the benefit they may severally receive from the widening of said avenue. When the use of a part only of any piece or parcel of ground shall be condemned, the jury, in determining its value, shall not take into consideration any benefits that may accrue to the remainder thereof from the opening of said avenue, but such benefits shall be considered in determining what assessment shall be made on or against that part of such lot as is not taken, as is hereinbefore provided.

—how determined, etc.

SEC. 5. That when confirmed by the court, the assessments made as aforesaid shall severally be a lien upon the land assessed, and shall be collected as special improvement taxes in the District of Columbia have been collected since February twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and shall be payable in five equal installments, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum until paid.

—to be a lien.

SEC. 6. That payment of the awards made in respect of the property condemned under the provisions of this Act shall not be made until the assessments herein provided for shall have been made against the aforesaid property and duly confirmed, and approved or affirmed by the court.

Payment of awards.

Approved, February 10, 1899.

CHAP. 151.—An Act To receive arrearages of taxes due the District of Columbia to July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, at six per centum per annum, in lieu of penalties and costs.

February 10, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the rate of interest to be collected of any person owing arrearages of general taxes prior to July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, now due to and the liens for which are held by the District of Columbia shall be six per centum per annum in lieu of the rate and penalties now fixed by law and all accrued costs: *Provided,* That this Act shall apply only to taxes paid on or before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

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*Proviso.* To apply only to taxes paid before July 1, 1899.

Approved, February 10, 1899.

CHAP. 152.—An Act To provide for the removal of snow and ice in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

February 11, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, for the following objects, namely: For cleaning snow and ice from cross-walks and gutters, under the Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, ten

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thousand dollars; one half of said sum to be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, and the other half out of the Treasury of the United States.

For the removal of snow and ice, to be disbursed under the direction of the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds in and around Washington, District of Columbia, two thousand dollars.

Approved, February 11, 1899.

February 13, 1899.

**CHAP. 153.**—An Act To amend an Act granting to the Saint Louis, Oklahoma and Southern Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes.

Time extended to St. Louis, Oklahoma and Southern Railway to construct road through Indian and Oklahoma Territories.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act granting to the Saint Louis, Oklahoma and Southern Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes, which took effect on March twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

“The time for completing the survey of the entire line of said road and filing a map of the same with the Secretary of the Interior and constructing the first fifty miles, and the completion of the remaining sections thereof, shall be, and is hereby, extended two years from the dates specified in said Act.”

Approved, February 13, 1899.

February 14, 1899.

**CHAP. 154.**—An Act To amend section twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relative to the apportionment and election of Representatives.

Representatives in Congress.  
Use of voting machines in elections for, authorized.  
R. S., sec. 27, p. 5, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section twenty-seven, of the Revised Statutes of the United States of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be amended so as to read as follows:

“All votes for Representatives in Congress must be by written or printed ballot, or voting machine the use of which has been duly authorized by the State law; and all votes received or recorded contrary to this section shall be of no effect.”

Approved, February 14, 1899.

February 14, 1899.

**CHAP. 155.**—An Act To provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Hammond, Indiana.

Indiana judicial district.  
Terms of court at Hammond.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be two terms each of the United States district and circuit courts for the district of Indiana held in the city of Hammond, Indiana, in each year from and after the passage of this Act; said terms to begin on the third Tuesday in April and October and continue as long as the business may require.

Judicial officers.

**SEC. 2.** That the clerk of the district and circuit courts for the district of Indiana, and the marshal and district attorney for said district, shall perform the duties appertaining to their offices, respectively, for said courts, and said clerk and marshal shall appoint deputies, who shall reside and keep their offices at Hammond, Indiana. Said deputies shall keep in their offices such records as appertain to their offices, and said deputy clerk shall keep in his office full records of all actions, proceedings, and judgments in said courts.

Court building.

**SEC. 3.** That each of said courts shall be held in a building to be provided for that purpose by the county or city authorities without expense to the United States.

Approved, February 14, 1899.