

February 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 79.**—An Act For the prevention of smoke in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.  
Prevention of smoke.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That on and after six months from the passage of this Act the emission of dense or thick black or gray smoke or cinders from any smokestack or chimney used in connection with any stationary engine, steam boiler, or furnace of any description within the District of Columbia shall be deemed, and is hereby declared, to be a public nuisance: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed as applied to chimneys of buildings used exclusively for private residences.

*Proviso.*  
Private residences  
excepted from pro-  
vision.

Responsibility of  
owner of building.

**SEC. 2.** That the owner, agent, lessee, or occupant of any building of any description, from the smokestack or chimney of which there shall issue or be emitted thick or dense black or gray smoke or cinders within the District of Columbia on or after the day above named shall be deemed and held guilty of creating a public nuisance and of violating the provisions of this Act.

Penalty.

**SEC. 3.** That any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction thereof before the police court of the District of Columbia, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offense; and each and every day wherein the provisions of this Act shall be violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Inspector.

**SEC. 4.** That in order to provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act there shall be detailed from time to time by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia an inspector or inspectors of the health department of the District of Columbia, whose duty it shall be, under the supervision of the health officer of the District of Columbia, to cause to be prosecuted all persons violating the provisions of this Act.

Devices for prevent-  
ing smoke.

**SEC. 5.** That no discrimination shall be made against any method or device which may be used for the prevention of smoke and which accomplishes the purpose of this Act.

Repeal.

**SEC. 6.** That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

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**CHAP. 80.**—An Act For the reestablishment and reconstruction of a light-house at or near mouth of Salem Creek, New Jersey.

Salem Creek, N. J.  
Establishment of  
light-house at, etc.

*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 he is hereby, authorized to reestablish and reconstruct a light-house at or near mouth of Salem Creek, New Jersey: *Provided,* That the same shall not cost more than four thousand dollars.

*Proviso.*  
Limit of cost.

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**CHAP. 81.**—An Act To transfer the county of Menard, in the State of Texas, from the western district of Texas to the northern district of Texas, and for other purposes.

Texas judicial dis-  
trict.  
Menard County  
transferred from west-  
ern to northern dis-  
trict.

Pending actions un-  
affected.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Menard, in the State of Texas, now included in and a part of the western district of Texas, shall be hereafter in, and constitute part of, the northern district of Texas.

**SEC. 2.** That all offenses committed in said county of Menard prior to the time this Act goes into operation, of which the district court of

said western district had jurisdiction, and upon which proceedings had been taken, shall be tried and prosecuted as if this Act had not been passed; and all civil suits and proceedings now pending in the circuit or district courts in said State shall not be affected by this Act.

SEC. 3. That from and after the passage of this Act all causes of criminal or civil nature, originating in said county of Menard and heretofore returnable to the Federal district court of the western district of Texas, at Austin, Texas, shall be returnable to the Federal district court of the northern district of Texas at San Angelo, Texas.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage; and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Causes returnable to northern district.

Effect; repeal.

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**CHAP. 82.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Savannah River from the mainland of Chatham County, Georgia, to Hutchinsons Island, in said county.

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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 assent of the United States of America is hereby given to the Georgia and Alabama Railway, a corporation incorporated by the laws of the State of Georgia, its successors and assigns, and such other persons as may be associated with it, to construct and maintain a bridge over the Savannah River from the mainland to Hutchinsons Island, in the county of Chatham, in the State of Georgia.

Georgia and Alabama Railway may bridge Savannah River.

SEC. 2. That the bridge shall be so constructed, by draw span or otherwise, that a free and unobstructed passage may be secured to all vessels and other water craft navigating said river. That any bridge constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, the design and drawings of the bridge, piers, and approaches, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of at least one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high water and low water, and the direction and strength of the currents at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of other bridge or bridges, wharves, landings, or ferries, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built, and after such approval by the Secretary of War the approved plans and designs for the bridge shall not be deviated from or added to, either during the construction or after the completion of the bridge, until the proposed change shall have been submitted to the Secretary of War and received his approval; and the said bridge shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said bridge, and if said bridge be built with a draw said draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats or other craft, and whatever kind of bridge is built the said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals thereon as the Light-House Board shall prescribe; and if at any time the navigation of said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the bridge authorized by this Act to be constructed the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require said company to alter and change said bridge at its own expense in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment.

Aids to navigation.

Secretary of War to prescribe regulations.

—to approve plans.

—changes.

Draw.

Lights.

Alterations to secure free navigation.