operation of the line of railroad authorized by this section the said companies may exercise all the authorities, rights, privileges, and franchises by this Act conferred upon and vested in them in respect of the lines of railroad authorized by the foregoing sections of this Act, outside of the limits of the city of Washington: Provided, That whenever in the construction of said line of railroad it shall be found necessary to cross any existing public highway of the District of Columbia the company shall submit to and file with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia proper plans showing the intended crossing, shall obtain the approval of the same by the said Commissioners, and shall construct such crossing only in conformity with such approved plan. Every such highway crossing shall be either over or under grade where practicable without increasing the grades on said railroad or causing unreasonable expense in construction; and for the purpose of avoiding grade crossings the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall be fully authorized and empowered to change the grade of any such public highway so as to pass the same over or under said railroad, and to deflect or divert any such highway so as to pass over or under said railroad at a different point of crossing, and to close so much of the said highway as is abandoned; and the company shall acquire, by purchase or condemnation, at its own expense, all lands required to relocate such highways, and shall pay the cost of all new construction or work required to restore any such highway raised, depressed, deflected, or relocated as above provided, all of which construction and work shall be done to the satisfaction and subject to the approval of the said Commissioners.

SEC. 13. That all existing laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent to which they are so inconsistent, but to no further or other extent.

SEC. 14. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 355.—An Act To divide Kentucky into two judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking therefrom the word "Kentucky."

Sec. 2. That the State of Kentucky is divided into two judicial districts, which shall be called the eastern and western judicial districts of the State of Kentucky. The eastern district includes the counties of Carroll, Trimble, Henry, Shelby, Anderson, Mercer, Boyle, Gallatin, Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton, Grant, Owen, Franklin, Bourbon, Scott, Woodford, Fayette, Jessamine, Garrard, Madison, Lincoln, Rockcastle, Pulaski, Wayne, Whitley, Bell, Knox, Harlan, Laurel, Clay, Leslie, Letcher, Perry, Owsley, Jackson, Estill, Lee, Breathitt, Knott, Pike, Floyd, Magoffin, Martin, Johnson, Lawrence, Boyd, Greenup, Carter, Elliott, Morgan, Wolfe, Powell, Menifee, Clark, Montgomery, Bath, Rowan, Lewis, Fleming, Mason, Bracken, Robertson, Nicholas, Harrison, with the waters thereof. The western district includes the residue of said State of Kentucky, with the waters thereof.

Sec. 3. That the district judge of the judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted, and in office at the time this Act takes effect, shall be the district judge for the western judicial district of Kentucky as constituted by this Act. That the clerk of the circuit court and the clerk of the district court in said judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted, and in office at the time this Act takes effect,
shall be the clerks of the circuit and district courts of the western judicial district of Kentucky, respectively, as hereby constituted, until their successors, respectively, shall be appointed and qualified. The district attorney, assistant district attorneys, marshal, deputy marshals, deputy clerks, and referees in bankruptcy resident in said western judicial district of Kentucky as constituted by this Act shall, within their respective jurisdictions in said western judicial district, continue in office and continue to be such officers in such western district until the expiration of their respective terms of office as heretofore fixed by law, or until their successors shall be duly appointed and qualified.

SEC. 4. That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a district judge for the eastern judicial district of Kentucky, who shall possess and exercise all the powers conferred by existing law upon the judges of the district courts of the United States, and who shall, as to all business and proceedings arising in said eastern judicial district as hereby constituted or transferred thereto, succeed to and possess the same powers and perform the same duties within the said eastern judicial district as are now possessed by and performed by the district judge for the district of Kentucky.

SEC. 5. That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a marshal and district attorney for the said eastern judicial district of Kentucky as hereby constituted, who shall, within their respective jurisdictions, possess and exercise all the powers conferred by existing law upon the marshals and district attorneys of the United States, respectively.

SEC. 6. That all other officers residing within the eastern judicial district of the State of Kentucky, as hereby constituted, shall cease to be such officers when their successors are appointed and qualified.

SEC. 7. That the office of marshal and district attorney in each of said districts, deputy marshals and assistant district attorneys, and all other officers authorized by law and made necessary by the creation of said two districts and the provisions of this Act, and all vacancies created thereby in either of said districts as constituted by this Act, shall be filled in the manner provided by existing law. The salaries, pay, fees, and allowances of the judges, district attorneys, marshals, clerks, and other officers in said districts, until changed under the provisions of existing law, shall be the same, respectively, as now fixed by law for such officers in the judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted.

SEC. 8. That all causes and proceedings of every name and nature, civil and criminal, now pending in the courts of the judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted whereof the courts of the eastern judicial district of Kentucky as hereby constituted would have had jurisdiction if said district and the courts thereof had been constituted when said causes or proceedings were instituted, shall be, and are hereby, transferred to and the same shall be proceeded with in the eastern judicial district of Kentucky as hereby constituted, and jurisdiction thereof is hereby transferred to and vested in the courts of said eastern judicial district, and the records and proceedings therein and relating to said proceedings and causes shall be certified and transferred thereto; and all causes and proceedings of every name and nature, civil and criminal, now pending in the courts of the judicial district of Kentucky as heretofore constituted whereof the courts of the western judicial district of Kentucky as hereby constituted would have had jurisdiction if said district and the courts thereof had been constituted when said causes or proceedings were instituted shall be, and are hereby, transferred to and the same shall be proceeded with in the western judicial district of Kentucky as hereby constituted, and jurisdiction thereof is hereby transferred to and vested in the courts of said
western judicial district, and the records and proceedings therein and
relating to said proceedings and causes shall be certified and trans-
ferred thereto: Provided, That all motions and causes submitted, and
all causes and proceedings, both civil and criminal, including proceed-
ings in bankruptcy, now pending in said judicial district of Kentucky
as heretofore constituted in which the evidence has been taken in whole
or in part before the present district judge of the judicial district of
Kentucky as heretofore constituted, or taken in whole or in part and
submitted and passed upon by the said district judge, shall be proceeded
with and disposed of in said western judicial district of Kentucky as
constituted by this Act.

Sec. 9. That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of
the United States for the western district of Kentucky shall be held at
the following times and places, namely: At Louisville, beginning on
the second Monday in March and the second Monday in October in
each year; at Owensboro, beginning on the fourth Monday in November
and the first Monday in May in each year; at Paducah, beginning on
the third Monday in April and the third Monday in November in each
year; at Bowling Green, beginning on the third Monday in May and
the second Monday in December in each year.

That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United
States for the eastern district of Kentucky shall be held at the following
times and places, namely: At Frankfort, beginning on the second Mon-
day in March and the fourth Monday in September in each year; at
Covington, beginning on the first Monday in April and the third Mon-
day in October in each year; at Richmond, beginning on the fourth
Monday in April and the second Monday in November in each year;
at London, beginning on the second Monday in May and the fourth
Monday in November in each year, and at such other times and places
as may hereafter be provided by law.

Sec. 10. That the terms of said courts shall not be limited to any
particular number of days nor shall it be necessary to adjourn by
reason of the intervention of a term elsewhere; but the court inter-
vening may be adjourned until the business of the court in session is
concluded.

Sec. 11. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal sec-
tion five hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes or the Act
of August eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled "An Act
to provide for holding terms of the circuit and district courts of the
United States for the district of Kentucky at Owensboro, in said dis-
trict, and for other purposes."

Sec. 12. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter com-
mited in either of said districts shall be cognizable within the district
in which committed, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses com-
mited before the passage of this Act in which indictments have not been
found or proceedings instituted shall be cognizable within the district
as hereby constituted in which such crimes or offenses were committed.

Sec. 13. That all laws and parts of laws, so far as inconsistent with
the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 14. That this Act shall take effect on the first day of July,
nineteen hundred and one.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 356.—An Act To authorize the purchase of a steam launch for use in the
customs collection district of Galveston, Texas.

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 purchase, after procuring