

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads in the United States; and no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or railroads leading to said bridge. Equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph purposes, and all changes in said bridge required by the Secretary of War at any time, or its entire removal, shall be at the expense of the corporation owning or operating said bridge.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Changes.

Time of construction.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval thereof.

Amendment.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 18, 1902.

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[Public, No. 164.]

CHAP. 1123.—An Act Allowing the construction of a dam across the Saint Lawrence River.

Preamble.

Whereas it is represented that the government of the Dominion of Canada, with a view of improving the navigation of the channel excavated through the rapids at the head of Les Galops Island, in the Saint Lawrence River, proposes to construct a dam from Adams Island, in Canadian territory, to Les Galops Island, in United States territory; and

Whereas the consent of the United States to the construction of that part of the work which will be upon United States territory is desired: Therefore,

Saint Lawrence River. Canadian government may dam, at Les Galops Island.

Proviso. Protecting water level of Lake Ontario, etc.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That consent is hereby given for the construction of the portion of the aforesaid dam which crosses or abuts upon the territory of the United States: *Provided,* That the type of the proposed dam and the plans of construction and operation thereof shall be such as will not, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, materially affect the water level of Lake Ontario or the Saint Lawrence River or cause any other injury to the interests of the United States or any citizen thereof: *And provided further,* That the work of construction on United States territory shall not be commenced until plans and details of the work shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War.

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[Public, No. 165.]

CHAP. 1135.—An Act To amend an Act to prohibit the passage of special or local laws in the Territories, to limit the Territorial indebtedness, and for other purposes.

Oklahoma Territory. Issuance of school bonds authorized. Vol. 24, p. 171, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, entitled "An Act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the Territories of the United States, to limit Territorial indebtedness and for other purposes," is hereby amended so as to authorize the issuance of bonds by school districts in Oklahoma Territory having a bona fide population of not less than five thousand persons for erecting necessary school buildings and purchasing the ground for the same. The limitations of said Act of July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-

six, shall not apply to such school districts: *Provided*, That before any bonds shall be issued the mayor and common council of the municipal corporation, composing in whole or in part such school district, shall cause an election to be held in such district, and said mayor and common council shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, published in said district, a notice of the time and place or places of holding such election. Such notice shall be given at least thirty days before such election. On the question of the issuance of said bonds no person shall be qualified to vote except he be in all respects a qualified elector and owner of real or personal property subject to taxation within the school district. In case two-thirds of the qualified voters, as above described, shall vote affirmatively for the issuance of said bonds, then the mayor and common council shall certify the result to the board of education, and said board shall issue the same, and not otherwise. Said bonds shall contain all necessary provisions as to form, and such school district shall provide a proper sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds. Said bonds shall not bear a rate of interest exceeding four per centum, and the interest shall be paid semiannually, and none of said bonds shall be sold at less than their par value: *Provided further*, That no school district under this Act shall issue bonds in excess of six per centum of the valuation according to the last preceding assessment of the school district issuing the same.

Provisos.
Election.

Notification.

Qualified voters.

Two-thirds vote re-
quired.

Sinking fund.

Maximum rate of
interest.

Excess issue forbid-
den.

Approved, June 19, 1902.

CHAP. 1136.—An Act Regulating the use of telephone wires in the District of Columbia.

June 20, 1902.

[Public, No. 166.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all telephone poles and the wires attached thereto not the property of the United States or the District of Columbia now upon the streets and avenues within the section of the District of Columbia bounded by a line beginning at Second and B streets southeast and running thence along B street south, Third street west, Missouri avenue, Sixth street west, B street north, Twenty-third street west, Rock Creek, Cincinnati street, Columbia road, Sixteenth street west (extended), Park street, Whitney avenue, Eleventh street west, R street north, New Jersey avenue, C street north, and Second street east to the point of beginning, except as hereinafter provided, shall from time to time, as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of said District, be taken down and removed. The work of taking down and removing said poles and wires shall be done under the direction of said Commissioners, and it is hereby made the duty of said Commissioners to enforce compliance with the provisions of this Act as expeditiously as may be consistent with the public interests; and the said Commissioners are hereby empowered from time to time to authorize any individual, company, or corporation now operating and maintaining a telephone plant or system, partly overhead and partly underground, in the District of Columbia, to extend and enlarge its system of underground conduits, subsidiaries, and man-holes in or under any or all of the streets, avenues, alleys, lanes, or other public highways in said city and District as may be requisite and necessary for the purposes of this Act and for the reception of such other cables and wires as may be reasonably required in the future by the growth of such individual, company, or corporation or to adequately meet the requirements of the public for telephone service.

District of Columbia.
Removal of tele-
phone poles and wires.
Area of removal.

Duty of the Com-
missioners.

Extension of under-
ground conduits, etc.

SEC. 2. That upon the approval of this Act, and from time to time thereafter, any individual, company, or corporation now maintaining

Commissioners to
approve plans.