CHAP. 2075. — An Act To incorporate The Edes Home.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George L. Nicolson, Albion K. Parris, R. Douglas Simms, Robert D. Weaver, Archibald Greenlees, Edward F. Looker, and George A. King, all residents of that portion of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, which, on the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-five, constituted the city of Georgetown, in the said District, and their successors, from the aforesaid portion of the said city of Washington, to be supplied in the manner hereinafter directed, be, and they are hereby, created and declared to be a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name, style, and title of “The Edes Home,” and by that name to have perpetual succession, to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, and to erect and forever maintain and support, in the said portion of the said city of Washington, a home for aged and indigent widows residing, or to reside, within the said portion of the said city of Washington; and the said home shall be forever exempt from the control of any particular religious sect or persuasion.

Sec. 2. That the said corporation may acquire, take, receive, invest, reinvest, and dispose of property of every nature whatever for the use and benefit of the said home. The property held by the said corporation actually and exclusively used and occupied for the home provided in section one of this Act shall while and as long as so actually and exclusively used and occupied, be free from any tax, burden, or assessment, laid or to be laid by the United States or under any authority emanating therefrom.

Sec. 3. That the said corporation shall have power to adopt a common seal, and to break and alter the same at pleasure; to supply vacancies occurring in the membership of the said corporation from male persons residing or to reside within the said portion of the said city of Washington; to appoint a president, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as the said corporation may deem necessary, and define the duties and fix the compensations or emoluments of such president, secretary, treasurer, and other officers; to determine how many and what particular persons of those qualified for admission into the said home shall be actually received therein; to exclude at pleasure from said home any person who shall have been admitted thereto as an inmate thereof; to make, ordain, establish, and execute all such ordinances and by-laws, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as the said corporation may deem needful in the interests of the said home; and to provide for the abrogation, alteration, or amendment of any of said ordinances or by-laws, whether by a majority, for the time being, of the members of the said corporation or by a fixed number or proportion exceeding a majority of the whole number of members of which the said corporation may lawfully consist, but the provision in such latter case shall itself be first adopted by the like fixed number or proportion exceeding a majority of the whole number of members of which the said corporation may lawfully exist.

Sec. 4. That the said corporation shall cause to be printed and published on three successive days, Sunday exclusive, of the month of May in each and every year, in some morning newspaper printed and published in the said city of Washington and possessing the largest or next largest general circulation therein, a true and correct statement, under the seal of the said corporation and attested by the signatures of the majority, for the time being, of the members of the said corporation, setting forth the number of widows residing in the said home, as free inmates thereof, at the date of such statement, and the number departed therefrom, through death or other cause, since the publication of any next previous like statement by the said corpora-
tion; the real estate belonging unto the said corporation, and the approximate value thereof; the approximate aggregate value of all stocks, bonds, notes, or other choses in action owned by the said corporation; the amount of cash held by the said corporation at the date of the statement; the total receipts, as well as the total disbursements of the said company since the publication of any next previous like statement by the said corporation, and the total outstanding liabilities of the said corporation.

SEC. 5. That in case the said corporation shall fail or neglect to cause to be printed and published such statement aforesaid in manner aforesaid, then, upon every such failure or neglect, each and every member of the said corporation consenting to or conniving at such failure or neglect shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty nor more than two hundred dollars. And in case the said corporation, its members, officers, or agents shall cause to be printed and published in any newspaper any false or fraudulent representation touching any of the particulars required to be embraced in such true and correct statement aforesaid, every member, officer, or agent of the said corporation knowingly consenting either to the fabrication and concoction of such false or fraudulent statement or to the printing or publication thereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars or be imprisoned in some penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both, at the discretion of the trial court.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be and remain at all times subject to Amendment.

Approved, May 1, 1906.

CHAP. 2076.—An Act Granting the Edison Electric Company a permit to occupy certain lands for electric-power plants in the San Bernardino, Sierra, and San Gabriel forest reserves, in the State of California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the conditions herein named the Edison Electric Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Wyoming, and engaged in generating and distributing electric energy for use by municipalities and the public generally for lighting and power purposes, is hereby granted a permit, the duration of which shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior immediately after the passage of this Act, revocable during the term fixed by said Secretary only in the manner and for the causes hereinafter specified, to occupy and use lands, to be designated in the manner hereinafter specified, within the San Bernardino, Sierra, and San Gabriel forest reserves, in the State of California, for canals, conduit lines, pole lines, power houses, diverting dams, necessary grounds to be submerged above the diverting dams, and necessary buildings and structures for the water-power plants hereinafter described, for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electrical power, namely:

(a) For the diversion of the waters of Mill Creek from a point on Mill Creek in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter section eight, township one south, range one west, San Bernardino base and meridian, and the conveyance of said waters thence westwardly and southwestwardly through said section eight and through sections seven and eighteen, township one south, range one west, San Bernardino base and meridian, and thence westwardly through section