

SEC. 3. That all civil process issued against persons residing in said counties cognizable before the United States court shall be made returnable to the courts of the United States, respectively, to be held at Gadsden, as provided by this Act, and all prosecutions for offenses committed in any of said counties shall be tried in the appropriate United States court at Gadsden: *Provided*, That no process or prosecutions commenced or suits instituted before the passage of this Act shall be in any way affected by the provisions hereof, and that all prosecutions heretofore commenced for offenses heretofore committed against the United States in any of the said counties shall be prosecuted and tried as though this Act had not been passed.

Return of process.

*Proviso.*  
Pending cases not affected.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the clerks, marshals, and other officers of the northern judicial district to attend said terms of said court and perform the duties pertaining to their positions, and no additional clerk or marshal shall be appointed in said district; and that the clerks of the circuit and district courts of said northern district shall maintain an office, in charge of themselves or a deputy, at Gadsden, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of said division.

Attendance of clerks, etc.

Approved, February 19, 1909.

CHAP. 165.—An Act To withdraw from settlement and entry certain lands in the State of California.

February 20, 1909.  
[S. 8048.]

[Public, No. 248.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all of the public lands in section eight, township one south, range two west, and in sections two, four, eight, ten, and twelve, in township one south, range three west, San Bernardino base and meridian, in the State of California, are hereby withdrawn from settlement and entry and reserved for the purpose of aiding in the conservation of the waters of the San Bernardino Valley: *Provided*, That this Act shall not defeat any vested right which has attached under any pending entry or location.

California.  
Public lands reserved to conserve waters of San Bernardino Valley.

*Proviso.*  
Prior rights not affected.

Use of waste waters, etc.

SEC. 2. That any individual or association of individuals or any company or corporation may have the right, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, to conduct to said lands and to distribute over them any flood or waste waters not otherwise appropriated, and to build the necessary engineering works for this purpose, to the end that said flood or waste waters may sink into the sands and gravels of said lands, thereby increasing and replenishing the supply of underground waters in the San Bernardino Valley.

Approved, February 20, 1909.

CHAP. 166.—An Act To amend section eight of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the keeping of employment agencies in the District of Columbia where fees are charged for procuring employment or situations," approved June nineteenth, nineteen hundred and six.

February 20, 1909.  
[H. R. 20247.]

[Public, No. 249.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section eight of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the keeping of employment agencies in the District of Columbia where fees are charged for procuring employment or situations," approved June nineteenth, nineteen hundred and six, be amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia.  
Employment agencies.  
Vol. 34, p. 307, amended.

"SEC. 8. That the fees charged for the employment of agricultural hands, coachmen, grooms, hostlers, seamstresses, cooks, waiters, waitresses, scrubwomen, nurses (except professional nurses), chambermaids, maids of all work, domestics, servants, or other laborers (except

Fees.

seamen), or for the purpose of procuring or giving information concerning such person for or to employers, shall be as follows:

- Amount increased.** "Employment agents or agencies shall be entitled to receive in advance from an employer, for male or female employees, two dollars each: *Provided*, That such fee shall entitle said employer to at least thirty days' service from said male or female employee, or from other employees at the same rate of wages to be furnished by said employment agent or agencies.
- Provisos.**  
**Thirty days' service.**
- Return of one-half of fees.** "Employment agents or agencies shall be entitled to receive in advance from the applicant for work or employment, either male or female, one dollar each, one-half of which is to be returned on demand if such applicant is not secured a fair opportunity of employment within fifteen days after the receipt of said original fee of one dollar: *Provided*, That where the male or female employee receives employment at a rate of wage of twenty-five dollars per month or more, said employment agent or agency shall, on obtaining employment for such employee, receive an additional one dollar from said employee: *Provided*, That the whole fee and any sums paid by the applicant for transportation in going to and returning from such employer shall be refunded within four days of demand, if no employment of the kind applied for was vacant at the place to which the applicant was directed: *And provided further*, That it shall be unlawful for any employment agent or agency to receive more than the fees set forth in this Act in the business aforesaid.
- Provisos.**  
**Time limit.**  
**Additional fee.**
- Refund of transportation expense, etc.**
- Restriction.**
- Receipts.** "It shall be the duty of such licensed person to give to every applicant for employment from whom a fee shall be received a receipt in which shall be stated the name of said applicant, the date and amount of the fee, and the purpose for which it was paid, and to every applicant for help a receipt stating the name and address of said applicant, the date and amount of the fee, and the kind of help to be provided. Every such receipt, excepting only those given by theatrical and teachers' agencies and those procuring technical, clerical, sales, and executive positions for men only, shall have printed on the back thereof a copy of this section in the English language. No such licensed person shall divide fees with contractors or their agents or other employers or anyone in their employ to whom applicants for employment are sent. Every such licensed person shall give to each applicant for employment a card or printed paper containing the name of the applicant for employment, name and address of such employment agency, and the written name and address of the person to whom the applicant is sent for employment. Every such licensed person shall post in a conspicuous place in each room of such agency a plain and legible copy of this Act, which shall be printed in large type."
- Division of fees prohibited.**
- Cards for applicants, etc.**

Approved, February 20, 1909.

February 20, 1909.

[H. R. 28164.]

[Public, No. 250.]

**CHAP. 167.**—An Act For the investigation, treatment, and prevention of trachoma among the Indians.

**Indians.**  
**Appropriation to prevent, etc., spread of trachoma among.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, to be immediately available to enable the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to investigate, treat, and prevent the spread of the disease of trachoma among the Indians.

Approved, February 20, 1909.