

That nothing contained herein shall be construed to extend the operation of any law which provides for the extinguishing of claims or contracts by limitation of time.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have a constitution and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That such constitution or amendments thereof do not conflict with the laws of the United States or of any State.

SEC. 5. That said corporation may provide for meetings of its legislative or governing body wherever such association shall have subordinate bodies, and all business transacted at such meetings shall be valid in all respects as if such meetings were held within said District.

SEC. 6. That the general offices of said corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or in any State where the secretary of the corporation may reside.

SEC. 7. That said corporation shall not engage in any business for gain, the purposes of said corporation being fraternal and benevolent.

SEC. 8. That Congress may at any time amend, alter, or repeal this Act.

Approved, February 25, 1909.

Constitution.  
*Proviso.*  
Restriction.

Meetings.

Offices.

Business for gain prohibited.

Amendment.

**CHAP. 191.**—An Act To declare and enforce the forfeiture provided by section four of the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled “An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States.”

February 25, 1909.  
[H. R. 24883.]  
[Public, No. 260.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That each and every grant of right of way and station grounds heretofore made to any railroad corporation under the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled “An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States,” where such railroad has not been constructed and the period of five years next following the location of said road, or any section thereof, has now expired, shall be, and hereby is, declared forfeited to the United States, to the extent of any portion of such located line now remaining unconstructed, and the United States hereby resumes the full title to the lands covered thereby free and discharged from such easement, and the forfeiture hereby declared shall, without need of further assurance or conveyance, inure to the benefit of any owner or owners of land heretofore conveyed by the United States subject to any such grant of right of way or station grounds: *Provided*, That no right of way on which construction is progressing in good faith at the time of the passage of this Act shall be in any wise affected, validated or invalidated, by the provisions of this Act.

Public lands.  
Forfeiture of certain railroad rights of way, etc., through.  
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Prior rights restored.

*Proviso.*  
Exception.

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**CHAP. 192.**—An Act Amending chapter five hundred and ninety-one of the United States Statutes at Large, Fifty-sixth Congress, approved May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred, entitled “An Act to provide for the holding of a term of the circuit and district courts of the United States at Superior, Wisconsin.”

February 25, 1909.  
[H. R. 27311.]  
[Public, No. 261.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That chapter five hundred and ninety-one of the United States Statutes at Large, approved May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Wisconsin western judicial district.  
Vol. 31, p. 219, amended.

“SECTION 1. That two terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Wisconsin shall be held annually at the city of Superior, one term beginning on the fourth Tuesday

Terms at Superior.

in January and another term beginning on the second Tuesday in July. Either of said terms may be adjourned by the court, or by said clerk by the direction of the court, to any other day and from time to time at the same place.

Additional clerk.

"SEC. 2. That in addition to the two clerks now provided for the circuit and district judges of the western district of Wisconsin shall appoint a clerk, who shall be clerk both of the circuit and district courts for the western district of Wisconsin, who shall reside and keep his office at Superior, Wisconsin, and who shall receive such fees and compensation for services performed by him as are now fixed for clerks and limited by law; and one or more deputies of the clerk of the circuit and district courts may be appointed by the judges of said courts on the application of the clerk, and may be removed at the pleasure of the judges authorized to make the appointments. In case of the death of the clerk his deputy or deputies shall, unless removed, continue in office and perform the duties of the clerk in his name until a clerk is appointed and qualified.

Office, etc.

Return of process,  
etc.

"SEC. 3. All summonses, writs, and processes, except criminal warrants, issued out of said courts at Superior may be made returnable at Superior, and the clerk shall keep in his office the original records of all actions, prosecutions, and special proceedings so commenced and pending therein. Criminal warrants may be returned at any place where the court is held. Whenever warrants shall be returned at any place other than Superior, the clerk of the court, where the warrant is returned, shall certify the same, under the seal of the court, together with the plea and other proceedings had thereon, and the determination of the court upon such plea or proceedings, and all papers and orders filed in reference thereto, to the clerk of the courts at Superior, and shall charge for the same in his account against the United States. The clerk at Superior shall enter upon his records a minute of the proceedings had upon the return of said warrant and certified as aforesaid.

Trials.

"SEC. 4. All causes triable in either of said courts when the summonses, writs, warrants, and processes shall be issued from the said courts at Superior shall be tried at Superior, unless by consent of parties, or unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Juries.

"SEC. 5. A grand jury and petit jury shall be summoned for each term of said courts, which petit jury shall be competent to sit and act as such jury in either or both of said circuit and district courts at said terms: *Provided*, That the judge of the district court may, in his discretion, dispense with the summoning or impaneling of a grand jury at either or both of said terms.

*Proviso.*  
Grand jury.

Deputy marshal,  
etc.  
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"SEC. 6. The marshal of said western district of Wisconsin shall appoint a deputy marshal, who shall reside and keep his office at Superior, Wisconsin, whose compensation shall be fixed as provided by section ten, chapter two hundred and fifty-two, of the General Statutes of the United States, approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Effect.

"SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication."

Approved, February 25, 1909.

February 25, 1909.  
[H. R. 27894.]

[Public, No. 262.]

**CHAP. 193.**—An Act Amending an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and all Acts amendatory thereof, and to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, approved June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six.

Interstate com-  
merce regulations.  
Vol. 24, p. 379.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That paragraph seven of section twenty of an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce,' approved February fourth, eighteen