

R. S., sec. 3646, p. 717, amended.  
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Provisos.  
Post Office Department checks or warrants.

Checks to employees, etc.

authorized, within three years from the date of such check, to issue a duplicate check, under such regulations in regard to its issue and payment, and upon the execution of such bond, with sureties, to indemnify the United States, and proof of loss of original check, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided*, That whenever any original check or warrant of the Post Office Department has been lost, stolen, or destroyed the Postmaster General may authorize the issuance of a duplicate thereof, at any time within three years from the date of such original check or warrant, upon the execution by the owner thereof of such bond of indemnity as the Postmaster General may prescribe: *Provided further*, That when such original check or warrant does not exceed in amount the sum of \$50 and the payee or owner is, at the date of the application, an officer or employee in the service of the Post Office Department, whether by contract, designation, or appointment, the Postmaster General may, in lieu of an indemnity bond, authorize the issuance of a duplicate check or warrant upon such an affidavit as he may prescribe, to be made before any postmaster by the payee or owner of an original check or warrant."

Approved, March 21, 1916.

March 28, 1916.  
[H. R. 65.]

[Public, No. 38.]

**CHAP. 53.**—An Act To ratify, approve, and confirm an act duly enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii relating to certain gas, electric light and power, telephone, railroad, and street railway companies and franchises in the Territory of Hawaii, and amending the laws relating thereto.

Hawaii.  
Act of legislature relating to public utilities commission, confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An act relating to certain gas, electric light and power, telephone, railroad, and street railway companies and franchises in the Territory of Hawaii, and amending the laws relating thereto," approved by the governor of the Territory April twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, be, and is hereby, amended, ratified, approved, and confirmed, as follows:

Legislative act 135.

"ACT 135.

"An act relating to certain gas, electric light and power, telephone, railroad, and street railway companies and franchises in the Territory of Hawaii, and amending the laws relating thereto.

*"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii:*

Franchises made subject to public utilities commission.  
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"SECTION 1. The franchises granted by act thirty of the laws of nineteen hundred and three, of the Territory of Hawaii, as amended and approved by an Act of Congress approved April twenty-first, nineteen hundred and four; act forty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred and three of said Territory, as amended and approved by an Act of Congress approved April twenty-first, nineteen hundred and four; act sixty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and five of said Territory, as amended and approved by an Act of Congress approved June twentieth, nineteen hundred and six; act one hundred and five of the laws of nineteen hundred and seven of said Territory, as amended and approved by an Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and nine; act one hundred and thirty of the laws of nineteen hundred and seven of said Territory, as amended and approved by said Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and nine; act one hundred and fifteen of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine of said Territory, as amended and approved by an Act of Congress approved June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten; act sixty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and eleven of said Territory, as amended and approved by an Act of Congress approved August first, nineteen hundred and twelve; and all franchises heretofore

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granted to any other public utility or public-utility company, and all public utilities and public-utilities companies organized or operating within the Territory of Hawaii, and the persons and corporations holding said franchises shall be subject as to reasonableness of rates, prices, and charges and in all other respects to the provisions of act eighty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen of said Territory creating a public-utilities commission and all amendments thereof for the regulation of public utilities in said Territory; and all the powers and duties expressly conferred upon or required of the superintendent of public works by said acts granting said franchises are hereby conferred upon and required of said public-utilities commission and any commission of similar character that may hereafter be created by the laws of said Territory; and said acts granting said franchises are hereby amended to conform herewith: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall in any wise limit the jurisdiction or powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Acts of Congress to regulate commerce: *And provided further,* That all acts of the public-utility commission herein provided for shall be subject to review by the courts of the said Territory.

"Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Congress of the United States.

"Approved this twenty-ninth day of April, anno Domini nineteen hundred and thirteen.

"WALTER F. FREAR,

"Governor of the Territory of the Hawaii."

Approved, March 28, 1916.

**CHAP. 54.**—An Act To ratify, approve, and confirm sections one, two, and three of an act duly enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii relating to the board of harbor commissioners of the Territory, as herein amended, and amending the laws relating thereto.

March 28, 1916.  
[H. R. 3042.]

[Public, No. 39.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections one, two, and three of act one hundred and sixty-nine of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled, "An act to amend chapter forty-nine of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, nineteen hundred and fifteen, relating to harbors, by amending sections six hundred and eighty-three, six hundred and eighty-five, six hundred and eighty-seven, and six hundred and ninety-one, and by adding one new section thereto to be known as section six hundred and ninety-one A," approved by the governor of the Territory April twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, be, and the same are hereby, amended, ratified, approved, and confirmed, as follows:

"SECTION 1. Section six hundred and eighty-three of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 683. Board of harbor commissioners: All ocean shores below mean high-water mark, shore waters and navigable streams, and all harbors and roadsteads, and all harbor and water-front improvements, belonging to or controlled by the Territory of Hawaii, and all shipping within such harbors, roadsteads, waters, and streams shall be under the care and control of a board of harbor commissioners. Said board shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be the superintendent of public works of the Territory who shall be chairman, ex officio, and four shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section eighty of the organic act. Such commissioners shall be appointed for terms of four years or the unexpired periods thereof, in such manner that the terms of two commissioners shall expire

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