shall not apply where, by reason of the local or topographic conditions, it is not feasible or economical to include in a rectangular form with cardinal boundaries the lands desired; but all such claims must be compact and approximately rectangular in form, and marked upon the ground by permanent monuments at each corner, and the entryman or claimant shall conform his boundaries thereto. In all other respects the claims will be in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid Acts.

Sec. 2. That if the rectangular system of the public land surveys has not been extended over the lands included in a soldier's additional homestead entry, authorized by the aforesaid Act of May 14, 1898, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1903, or a trade and manufacturing site authorized by section 10 of the first-named Act, the entryman or claimant may, upon the approval of the register and receiver, make application to the public survey office for an official survey of his claim, accompanied by a deposit of the estimated cost of the field and office work incident to the execution of such survey. Upon receipt of the application and its accompanying deposit the public survey office will immediately issue appropriate instructions for the survey of the lands involved, to be executed by the surveying service of the General Land Office not later than the next surveying season under the direction of the supervisor of surveys, unless by reason of the inaccessibility of the locality or other conditions the supervisor of surveys decides that it will result to the advantage of the Government or claimants to have the survey executed by a United States deputy surveyor, in which event the laws and regulations now governing the execution of the surveys by United States deputy surveyors will be observed.

Sec. 3. The sum so deposited shall be held by the public survey office, and may be expended by it in payment of the cost of such survey, including field and office work; and any excess over the cost of the survey shall be repaid to the depositor or his legal representative. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make all necessary rules and regulations to carry this Act into full force and effect.

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April 13, 1926.

CHAP. 122.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to convey certain portions of the military reservation of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, for street purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey to the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, by quitclaim deed, approximately fifty-two thousand and fifty-four square feet of the Fort Sam Houston, Texas, military reservation for the purpose of making a public street out of Army Boulevard at or near the intersection of Broadway (formerly River Avenue) in the said city of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, more particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at a United States monument in the east property line of Broadway (formerly River Avenue), same being the northwest corner of city block numbered 3856; thence north eighty-nine degrees fifty-eight minutes east, a distance of one thousand five hundred and thirty-one and five-tenths feet to a United States monument; thence north eighty-nine degrees fifty-eight minutes west, a distance of one thousand five hundred and
eighty-one and five-tenths feet to a United States monument; thence north north degree two minutes west, a distance of twenty-two feet to a United States monument; thence south eighty-nine degrees fifty-eight minutes west, a distance of two hundred and thirty-two and one-tenth feet to a United States monument in the east line of Broadway (formerly River Avenue); thence south seventeen degrees forty-two minutes west, a distance of fifty-eight and eight-tenths feet, to the place of beginning," subject to such conditions, restrictions, and reservations as the Secretary of War may impose for the protection of the reservation and subject to a perpetual right of way over said land for the uses of any department of the Government of the United States.

Approved, April 13, 1926.

CHAP. 123.—An Act To provide for the payment of the retired members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia the balance of retirement pay past due to them but unpaid from January 1, 1911, to July 30, 1915.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount of retirement or pension pay withheld from members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia, or from their widows, on account of deficiencies in the policemen's and firemen's relief funds during the period from January 1, 1911, to July 30, 1915, amounting to $68,425.06 be, and it hereby is authorized to be appropriated, wholly from the revenues of the District of Columbia, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed to adjust and settle all of said claims for deficiencies in the payment of allowances made by them to the members of said departments or their widows. In case of the death of any beneficiary under the provisions of this bill, the amount due such beneficiary shall be paid to his widow, or, if none, to the child or children of the deceased.

SEC. 2. That all Acts and parts of Acts, so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 13, 1926.

CHAP. 124.—An Act Granting certain public lands to the city of Stockton, California, for flood control, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lots 3 and 8, section 17, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter section 18, township 3 north, range 11 east, and the west half of the southeast quarter section 21, township 4 north, range 11 east, Mount Diablo meridian, California, be, and the same are hereby, granted to the city of Stockton, California, for flood-control, water-supply, and incidental purposes, upon condition that the city shall make payment for the land at the rate of $1.25 per acre within six months after the approval of this Act: Provided, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other mineral deposits found at any time in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide: Provided further, That the grant herein is made subject to any valid existing claim or easements, and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the city of Stockton, California, only for flood-control, water-supply, or incidental purposes, and if the said land or any part thereof shall be aban-