

Maryland, who shall reside in said district, and whose compensation, duties, and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for the judge of said district.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Effective immediately.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

**CHAP. 298.**—An Act To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

March 3, 1927.  
[S. 1642.]  
[Public, No. 701.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an additional district judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who shall reside in such district.

Pennsylvania eastern judicial district.  
Additional judge authorized for.  
Vol. 36, p. 1087, amended.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

**CHAP. 299.**—An Act To authorize oil and gas mining leases upon unallotted lands within Executive order Indian reservations.

March 3, 1927.  
[S. 4893.]  
[Public, No. 702.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That unallotted lands within the limits of any reservation or withdrawal created by Executive order for Indian purposes or for the use or occupancy of any Indians or tribe may be leased for oil and gas mining purposes in accordance with the provisions contained in the Act of May 29, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes, page 244).

Indian reservations.  
Leases for oil and gas on unallotted lands of.

SEC. 2. That the proceeds from rentals, royalties, or bonuses of oil and gas leases upon lands within Executive order Indian reservations or withdrawals shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the tribe of Indians for whose benefit the reservation or withdrawal was created or who are using and occupying the land, and shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and be available for appropriation by Congress for expenses in connection with the supervision of the development and operation of the oil and gas industry and for the use and benefit of such Indians: *Provided*, That said Indians, or their tribal council, shall be consulted in regard to the expenditure of such money, but no per capita payment shall be made except by Act of Congress.

Vol. 43, p. 244.

Proceeds to be deposited to credit of the reservation Indians.

SEC. 3. That taxes may be levied and collected by the State or local authority upon improvements, output of mines or oil and gas wells or other rights, property, or assets of any lessee upon lands within Executive order Indian reservations in the same manner as such taxes are otherwise levied and collected, and such taxes may be levied against the share obtained for the Indians as bonuses, rentals, and royalties, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to cause such taxes to be paid out of the tribal funds in the Treasury: *Provided*, That such taxes shall not become a lien or charge of any kind against the land or other property of such Indians.

Expenses therefrom.

*Proviso.*  
Indians to be consulted.

State, etc., taxes to be levied on improvements, output, etc.

On Indian royalties, etc.

*Proviso.*  
No lien against Indian property.

SEC. 4. That hereafter changes in the boundaries of reservations created by Executive order, proclamation, or otherwise for the use and occupation of Indians shall not be made except by Act of Congress: *Provided*, That this shall not apply to temporary withdrawals by the Secretary of the Interior.

Reservation boundary changes permitted only by act of Congress.

*Proviso.*  
Temporary withdrawals not included.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to allow any person who prior to May 27, 1924, filed an application for a permit

Extension for two years to prospectors having performed specified drilling, etc., work prior to January 1, 1926.