annual budget as determined by the Commission and approved by
the Governors of the signatory States, one-half of such amount to be
prorated among the several States in proportion of their population
within the District at the last preceding federal census, the other
half to be prorated in proportion to their land area within the
District.

"ARTICLE XI

"This compact shall become effective upon ratification by the legis-
latures of a majority of the States located within the District and
upon approval by the Congress of the United States; and shall
become effective as to any additional States signing thereafter at the
time of such signing."

Sec. 2. Without further submission of said compact, the consent
of Congress is hereby given to the State of Virginia or any other
State with waters in the Ohio River drainage basin, entering into
said compact as a signatory State and party in addition to the States
therein named or any of them.

Sec. 3. The commissioners to represent the United States, as
provided in article IV of said compact, shall be appointed by the
President.

Sec. 4. Nothing contained in this Act or in the compact herein
approved shall be construed as impairing or affecting the sovereignty
of the United States or any of its rights or jurisdiction in and over
the area or waters which are the subject of such compact.

Sec. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of
section 1 is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 582] AN ACT

To provide for the transportation and distribution of mails on motor-vehicle routes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representat-ives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That wherever it
is found that adequate railroad facilities are not available, the Post-
master General is authorized to contract for carrying the mails and
railway postal clerks on routes between points where, in his judgment,
the conditions justify the operation of such service in motor vehicles
especially designed and equipped for the distribution of mail en
route: Provided, That such vehicles shall be constructed, fitted up,
maintained, and operated in accordance with such specifications, rules,
and regulations as he may prescribe: Provided further, That the
Postmaster General is authorized, within his discretion, to transport
and provide for the distribution of mails in Government-owned
motor vehicles on such routes between points where in his judgment
the conditions justify the operation of such service: Provided further,
That all laws and regulations governing Star Route Service, not in
conflict with this Act, shall be applicable to contracts made under
the authority of this Act: And provided further, That no contract
shall be awarded for a period of less than two years nor in excess of
four years, and that payment for such service shall be from the
appropriations for inland transportation by star routes.

Sec. 2. The Postmaster General may, in his discretion, and in the
interest of the Postal Service, and under such rules and regulations
as he may prescribe, provide for the distribution of mail on motor-
vehicle routes in motor vehicles specially designed and equipped for
that purpose and provided for in section 1 of this Act: Provided,
That the supervision and distribution of mails in motor-vehicle
service, as herein provided, shall be under the jurisdiction of the
Second Assistant Postmaster General, and the personnel therein shall be a part of the Railway Mail Service under the same working conditions, rates of pay, travel allowance, and other benefits applicable to railway postal clerks: And provided further, That payment for such service shall be from the appropriations for Railway Mail Service salaries and railway postal clerks’ travel allowance.

Sec. 3. Every individual or company carrying the mails shall carry on any vehicle it operates and without extra charge therefor to the persons in charge of the mails and when on duty and traveling to and from duty, and all duly accredited agents and officers of the Post Office Department and post-office inspectors while traveling on official business, upon the exhibition of their credentials.

Sec. 4. The Postmaster General is authorized to promulgate such specifications, rules, and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 583]

AN ACT

Authorizing advancements from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for the construction of a recorder of deeds building in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to accept advancements for the District of Columbia from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, or its successor, and said Administration, or its successor, with the approval of the President is authorized to advance to said Commissioners the sum of $450,000, or any part thereof, in addition to any sums heretofore advanced to the District of Columbia by said Administration, or its successor, out of funds authorized by law for said Administration, or its successor, for a building for the office of the recorder of deeds to be located on premises now known at 515 D Street Northwest, formerly used as the police court, as recommended by a committee appointed by the Commissioners under order of January 12, 1940, and the making of such advances is hereby included among the purposes for which funds heretofore appropriated or authorized for said Administration, or its successor, including funds appropriated by the Public Works Administration Appropriation Act of 1938, may be used, in addition to the other purposes specified in the respective Acts appropriating or authorizing said funds.

Sec. 2. The sum authorized by section 1 hereof, or any part thereof shall, when advanced, be available to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the preparation of plans, designs, estimates, models, and specifications; and for architectural and other necessary professional services required for carrying out the provisions of this Act; for the construction of a recorder of deeds building, including materials and labor, heating, lighting, elevators, plumbing, landscaping, transportation or rental thereof, and all other appurtenances, and the purchase and installation of machinery, furniture, equipment, apparatus, and any and all other expenditures necessary for or incident to the complete construction and equipment for use of the aforesaid building and plant.

Sec. 3. That the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, or its successor, shall be repaid 55 per centum of any moneys advanced under section 1 of this Act in annual installments over a period of not to exceed twenty-five years with interest thereon at such rate as is agreed upon by the Commissioners of the District and