

and now indictable under any existing statutes, shall be suspended until June 30, 1945, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution, or the President, may designate. This Act shall apply to acts, offenses, or transactions where the existing statute of limitations has not yet fully run, but it shall not apply to acts, offenses, or transactions which are already barred by the provisions of existing laws.

Effective date.

Sec. 2. That this Act shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved, August 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 556]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

September 3, 1942  
[S. J. Res. 160]  
[Public Law 707]

Providing for the acceptance of title to the Widener art collection of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.

Widener art collection.  
Acceptance of title.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the faith of the United States is pledged that, upon acceptance for the Smithsonian Institution by the Trustees of the National Gallery of Art, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 24, 1937 (50 Stat. 51; U. S. C., title 20, secs. 71-75), of a collection of works of art as a gift effected by Joseph E. Widener, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the terms of the will of the late P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States will provide the National Gallery of Art with such funds as may be necessary for the payment of any taxes which may be levied as a result of the gift.

Payment of taxes.

Appropriation authorized.

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amount as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

Approved, September 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 557]

#### AN ACT

September 3, 1942  
[H. R. 6876]  
[Public Law 708]

To authorize the incorporated town of Petersburg, Alaska, to undertake certain municipal public works, including the construction of a dam and improvements to the hydroelectric plant and system, improvements to the water system, and construction and equipment of a municipal hospital, and for such purposes to issue bonds in any sum not exceeding a total of \$125,000.

Petersburg, Alaska.  
Construction of municipal public works.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the incorporated town of Petersburg, Territory of Alaska, is hereby authorized and empowered to undertake and construct the municipal works, improvements, and buildings hereinafter specified, to wit: Construction of a dam and improvements to the hydroelectric plant and system at a cost not exceeding \$50,000; improvements to the water system at a cost not exceeding \$35,000; construction and equipment of a municipal hospital at a cost not exceeding \$40,000; and for such purposes to issue bonds in any amount not exceeding the aggregate of \$125,000, the same to be in excess of the present statutory debt limit of the town of Petersburg, as provided by the Act entitled "An Act to authorize municipal corporations in the Territory of Alaska to incur bonded indebtedness, and for other purposes", approved May 28, 1936 (49 Stat. 1388): *Provided,* That nothing herein shall be construed as to prevent or preclude the said town from incurring other indebtedness up to but not beyond the limits prescribed by the aforesaid Act of May 28, 1936, without regard to the bonded indebtedness herein authorized.

Issuance of bonds.

48 U. S. C. §§ 44a-44c.  
*Proviso.*  
Other indebtedness.

SEC. 2. Before such bonds shall be issued, a special election shall be ordered by the common council of the town of Petersburg, Alaska, at which election the question of whether such indebtedness should be incurred and such bonds shall be issued in any amount not exceeding \$125,000 for the purposes hereinbefore set forth, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the said town of Petersburg, whose names appear on the last assessment roll of record of said town for the purpose of municipal taxation. The form of ballot shall be such that such electors may vote for or against the issuance of bonds not exceeding the amounts herein specified for the separate purposes herein specified; that is to say, they shall vote upon the issuance of bonds for each of the projects herein mentioned, separately. Not less than twenty days' notice of such election shall be given by posting notices of the same in three conspicuous places within the corporate limits of the town of Petersburg, Alaska, one of which shall be at the front door of the United States post office in the town of Petersburg. The election notice shall state the date of election, it shall describe the polling place or places, the times when the same shall be open, and it shall state that the bonds of the town or city in any amount not exceeding \$125,000 in the aggregate, are proposed to be issued for the purposes herein specified. The registration for such election, the manner of conducting the same, and the canvass of the returns of said election shall be as nearly as practicable, in accordance with the requirements of law for general or special elections in said town of Petersburg. Such bonds shall be issued to raise money for the purposes herein authorized, only upon condition that not less than 55 per centum of the votes cast at such election in said town shall be in favor of the issuance of said bonds for the purposes specified.

SEC. 3. The bonds herein authorized shall be coupon bonds and they shall be negotiable instruments for all purposes, and they shall bear such date or dates and be in such denomination or denominations, mature in such amounts and at such time or times, not exceeding twenty years from the date thereof, be payable at such place or places and be sold at either public or private sale, be redeemable or nonredeemable before maturity either with or without premium, and carry registration privileges as to either principal and interest, or principal only, as may be prescribed by the common council of the town of Petersburg, Alaska. The bonds shall bear the signatures of the mayor and the clerk of said town and shall have impressed thereon the official seal of said town. The coupons to be annexed to such bonds shall bear the facsimile signatures of the mayor and of the clerk of said town. In case any of the officers whose signatures or countersignatures appear on the bonds shall cease to be such officers before delivery of such bonds, said signatures or countersignatures, whether manual or facsimile, shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if said officers had remained in office until such delivery. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the common council of the town of Petersburg not to exceed 5 per centum per annum, payable semiannually, and said bonds shall be sold at not less than par plus accrued interest.

SEC. 4. The bonds herein authorized to be issued shall be general obligations of said town of Petersburg, payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes and general revenues which shall be levied upon all the taxable property within the corporate limits of such municipality, including license taxes, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest of such bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The town of Petersburg is hereby authorized and granted the further right to pay the bonds authorized for the construction of a dam and the improvements to the hydroelectric

Special election.

Form of ballot.

Notice.

Registration, etc.

Percentage of favorable votes required.

Form and maturity of bonds.

Signatures.

Interest rate.

Obligations payable from taxes and general revenues.

Use of net operating revenues.

system and for the improvements to the water system from net revenues received from the operation of those municipal utilities, and the town is further authorized to pledge the revenues from such utilities after all necessary expenses of maintenance and operation shall have been paid, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest of such bonds as the same shall become due and payable. No bonds authorized to be issued for any one of the purposes herein specified in section 1 shall be used for any of the other purposes specified in such section.

Use of bonds for specified purpose.

Covenants.

SEC. 5. Any ordinance of the town of Petersburg, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of these bonds or fixing the terms and covenants thereof, or both, may contain covenants by the town in order to protect and safeguard the security and rights of the holders of these bonds.

Restrictions.

SEC. 6. No part of the funds arising from the sale of any or all of the bonds authorized by this Act shall be used for any purpose or purposes other than those specified in this Act and authorized at the election authorizing the issuance of the same. The bonds shall be sold only when and in such amounts as the common council of the town of Petersburg shall direct, and the proceeds thereof shall be used only for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned in the manner herein prescribed and under the orders and direction of the common council of the town of Petersburg, from time to time, as such proceeds may be required for such purposes.

Refunding bonds.

SEC. 7. If the common council of the town of Petersburg, Alaska, shall deem it advisable, any or all of the bonds, the issuance of which is authorized by this Act, may be refunded, and refunding bonds may be issued in exchange for said outstanding bonds, or may be sold at not less than par, at public or private sale, and the proceeds of such sale shall be used for the payment of the bonds being refunded: *Provided*, That such refunding bonds shall bear an interest rate not greater than the bonds being refunded, and the refunding bonds may mature at any time but not later than the limit of the maturity date of the bonds herein authorized, and they shall be payable in such amounts and at such times and places as the common council of the town of Petersburg shall prescribe.

*Provided.*  
Interest rate.

Contracts for sale of bonds or acceptance of grants.

SEC. 8. The said town of Petersburg, Alaska, is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, under any of the laws of the United States enacted to encourage public works, for the relief of unemployment, or for any other purpose, for the sale of bonds issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act, or for the acceptance of a grant of money to aid the town of Petersburg in financing any public works; and to enter into contracts with any person or persons, or corporations, public or private, for the sale of such bonds, and such contracts may contain such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by and between the common council of the town of Petersburg, Alaska, and the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any such purchaser.

Approved, September 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 558]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Transferring the management of the Senate Restaurants to the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That effective September 15, 1942, the management of the Senate Restaurants and all matters connected therewith, heretofore under the direction of the Senate

September 9, 1942  
[S. J. Res. 158]  
[Public Law 709]

Senate restaurants.  
Transfer of management.