

cancel all charges carried on its books as apportioned against the lands of the Indians up to and including the date of the contract; (2) to recognize the prior first lien of the United States for the repayment of the adjusted charges remaining against the former Indian-owned lands approved by section 1 of this Act; and (3) to provide for the transfer of water rights from one tract of Indian-owned land within the said irrigation district to another, where, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer is desirable and economically advisable in the proper utilization of the Indian lands.

SEC. 3. In order to prevent the accumulation of delinquent project assessments or other charges against the former Indian-owned lands within the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to take such action as he may deem necessary to protect the adjusted sums due the Government as approved by section 1 of this Act, including the foreclosure of the Government's lien.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

Delinquent charges.

[CHAPTER 817]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 137]
[Public Law 837]

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, one additional United States district judge, who shall be an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri. The judge so appointed shall at the time of his appointment be a resident and a citizen of the State of Missouri: *Provided,* That the first vacancy occurring in said office shall not be filled.

Missouri.
Additional U. S.
district judge.

Proviso.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 818]

AN ACT

To provide for means of egress for buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5486]
[Public Law 838]

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, for protection against fire, are hereby authorized, after public hearing, to promulgate regulations to require the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building now existing or hereafter erected, other than a private dwelling, which is three or more stories or over thirty feet in height, or is used as a hospital, school, asylum, sanitarium, convalescent home, or for similar use, or as a place of amusement, public assembly, restaurant, or for similar use, to provide, install, and maintain sufficient and suitable means of egress, guide signs, guide lights, exit lights, hall and stairway lights, standpipes, fire extinguishers, alarm gongs and striking stations, and such other appliances as the Commissioners may deem necessary for such buildings.

District of Colum-
bia.
Regulation of means
of egress for buildings.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any building thirty days after notice in writing from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or their designated agents that the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building has failed or neglected to comply with the notice provided for by this Act to provide any such building with means of egress or appliances required by the regulations promulgated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia under this Act.

Occupancy after no-
tice of noncompliance.

Scope of notice.

SEC. 3. The notice from the Commissioners requiring the erection of means of egress and other appliances required by the regulations promulgated under this Act shall specify the character and number of means of egress or other appliances to be provided, the location of the same, and the time within which said means of egress or other appliances shall be provided, and in no case shall more than ninety days be allowed for compliance with said notice unless the Commissioners shall, in their discretion, deem it necessary to extend their time.

Time limit.

Penalty for violations.

SEC. 4. Any owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building failing or neglecting to provide means of egress, guide signs, guide lights, exist lights, hall and stairway lights, stand-pipes, fire extinguishers, alarm gongs and striking stations, or other appliances required by the regulations promulgated under this Act after notice from the Commissioners or their designated agents so to do, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 per day for each and every day he fails to comply with such notice. Any person violating any other provision of this Act or regulations promulgated hereunder shall be punished, upon conviction thereof, by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 per day for each and every day such violation exists.

Service of notice.

SEC. 5. Any notice required by this Act shall be deemed to have been served if delivered to the person to be notified or left with any adult person at the usual residence or place of business of the person to be notified in the District of Columbia, or, if no such residence or place of business can be found in said District of Columbia by reasonable search, if left with any adult person at the office of any agent of the person to be notified, provided such agent has any authority or duty with reference to the building to which said notice relates, or, if no such office can be found in said District, by reasonable search, if forwarded by registered mail to the last-known address of the person to be notified and not returned by the post-office authorities, or, if no address be known or can by reasonable diligence be ascertained, or, if any notice forwarded as authorized by the preceding clause of this section be returned by the post-office authorities, if published on ten consecutive days in a daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia, or, if by reason of an outstanding unrecorded transfer of title, the name of the owner in fact cannot be ascertained beyond a reasonable doubt, if served on the owner of record in the manner hereinbefore provided or delivered to the agent, trustee, executor, or other legal representative of the estate of such person. Any notice to a corporation shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been served on such corporation if served on the president, secretary, treasurer, general manager, or any principal officer of such corporation in the manner hereinbefore provided for the services of notices on natural persons holding property in their own right, or if no such officer can be found in said District by reasonable search, then by publication for ten consecutive days in a daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia, and notice to a foreign corporation shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been served if served on any agent of such corporation personally or if left with any person of suitable age and discretion residing at the usual residence or employed at the usual place of business of such agent in the District of Columbia, or if published on ten consecutive days in a daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia.

Notice to a corporation.

Provisions to enforce compliance.

SEC. 6. In case of failure or refusal of the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building required by the

regulations promulgated under this Act to comply with the requirements of the notice provided for in section 3, the Commissioners or their designated agents are hereby empowered to cause such construction and installation of means of egress and other appliances mentioned in the notice provided for, and the Commissioners are hereby authorized to assess the costs thereof as a tax against the buildings on which they are erected and the ground on which the same stands, said assessment to bear interest at the rate and be collected in the manner provided in section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the levying and collecting of taxes and assessments, and for other purposes", approved June 25, 1938.

SEC. 7. The District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, in term time or in vacation, may upon a petition of the District of Columbia filed by its said Commissioners, issue an injunction to restrain the use or occupation of any building in the District of Columbia in violation of any of the provisions of this Act or of the regulations promulgated under this Act by the owner, lessee, or occupant.

SEC. 8. All Acts, parts of Acts, and regulations promulgated thereunder inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect after ninety days from the date of its enactment.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

Assessment of costs.

52 Stat. 1200.
D. C. Code § 47-1105.

Issuance of injunction.

Repeals.

Effective date.

[CHAPTER 819]

AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940, to preserve the nationality of naturalized veterans of the Spanish-American War and of the World War, and of their wives, minor children, and dependent parents.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5569]
[Public Law 839]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 406 of the Nationality Act of 1940, approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1170), be, and it hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be lettered "(h)" and reading as follows:

Nationality Act of 1940, amendment.

8 U. S. C. § 806.
Ante, p. 1043.

"(h) Who is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, or of the World War, his wife, minor children, or dependent parents."

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 820]

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia, from the Department of the Interior to the Department of the Navy.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5861]
[Public Law 840]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transfer to the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy a portion of the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia, south of Ballards Creek and adjacent to the east boundary of the naval mine depot, containing approximately sixteen acres.

Colonial National Historical Park, Va.
Transfer of jurisdiction of portion to Navy Department.

SEC. 2. The President of the United States is authorized by Executive order to retransfer jurisdiction over the property to the Secretary of the Interior upon his application when, in the judgment of the President, the property has become surplus to the needs of the Department of the Navy, in which event it again shall become a part of the Colonial National Historical Park.

Provision for retransfer.

Approved, December 24, 1942.