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CHAP. 65.—An act to provide for the times and places to hold terms of the United States courts in the State of Washington. April 5, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Washington shall constitute one judicial district. State of Washington, judicial district. Vol. 25, p. 682.

SEC. 2. That the circuit court of the United States in and for the State of Washington shall be held at the times and places provided by law for the holding of the United States district court in and for said district, and one grand and one petit jury only shall be summoned to serve in both said courts when held at the same place. Terms of circuit court same as district court. Juries.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of holding terms of the district court, said district shall be divided into four divisions, to be known as the eastern, southern, northern, and western divisions. The counties of Spokane, Stevens, Okanogan, Douglas, Lincoln, Adams, and Kittitass, including any and all Indian reservations in one or more of said counties, shall constitute the eastern division, the court for which shall be held at the city of Spokane Falls. The counties of Whitman, Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla, Franklin, Yakima, and Klickitat, including any and all Indian reservations in one or more of said counties, shall constitute the southern division, the court for which shall be held at the city of Walla Walla. The counties of Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, Snohomish, Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and King, including any and all Indian reservations in one or more of said counties, shall constitute the northern division, the court for which shall be held at the city of Seattle. The counties of Pierce, Mason, Thurston, Chehalis, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clarke, and Skamania, including any and all Indian reservations in one or more of said counties, shall constitute the western district, the court for which shall be held at the city of Tacoma. District in four divisions. Eastern division. Southern division. Northern division. Western division.

SEC. 4. That all civil suits not of a local character, which shall be brought in the district or circuit courts of the United States for the district of Washington, in either of the said divisions against a single defendant, or where all the defendants reside in the same division of said district, shall be brought in the division in which the defendant or defendants reside, or, if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions, such suit may be brought in either division, and all mesne and final process subject to the provisions of this act, issued in either of said divisions, may be served and executed in either or all of said divisions. All issues of fact in civil causes triable in any of the said courts shall be tried in the division where the defendant or one of the defendants reside, unless by consent of both parties the case shall be removed to some other division. Jurisdiction. Process, etc. Issue of fact, where triable.

SEC. 5. That the clerk of the circuit and district courts for said district shall each appoint a deputy clerk at the place where their respective courts are required to be held in the division of the district in which such clerk shall not himself reside, each of whom shall, in the absence of the clerk, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the clerk within the division for which he shall be appointed: *Provided*, That the appointment of such deputies shall be approved by the court for which they shall have been respectively appointed, and may be annulled by such court at its pleasure, and the clerks shall be responsible for the official acts and negligence of all such deputies. Deputy clerks. *Proviso.* Appointment subject to judicial approval, etc.

SEC. 6. That the terms of the district court for the district of the State of Washington shall be held at the city of Spokane Falls on the first Tuesday of September and April in each year; at the city of Walla Walla on the first Tuesday of November and May in each year; at the city of Seattle on the first Tuesday of December and June in each year, and at the city of Tacoma on the first Tuesday in February and July of each year. And the provision of statute now Terms of district court. Spokane Falls. Walla Walla. Seattle. Tacoma. Vol. 25, p. 682, sec. 21.

existing for the holding of said courts on the first Monday in April and November in each year is hereby repealed and all suits, prosecutions, process, recognizances, bail bonds, and other things pending in or returnable to said court on the days last named, are hereby transferred to and shall be made returnable to and have force in the said respective terms in this act, provided in the same manner and with the same effect as they would have had had said existing statute not been passed.

Transfer of pending causes.

Approved, April 5, 1890.

April 5, 1890.

CHAP. 66.—An act to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to gather full and authentic information as to the present condition and preservation of the fur-seal interests of the Government in the region of Alaska, as compared with its condition in eighteen hundred and seventy; also full information as to the impending extinction of the sea-otter industry, and kindred lines of inquiry, and so forth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint some person well qualified by experience and education a special agent for the purpose of visiting the various trading stations and native settlements on the seal islands, the Aleutian Archipelago, the peninsula of Alaska, and adjacent islands, for the purpose of collecting and reporting to him all possible authentic information upon the present condition of the seal fisheries of Alaska, the effect and extent of whatever injury has been inflicted upon them by pelagic sealing, the present status of the sea-otter industry, together with like information respecting the fur-bearing animals of Alaska generally; the statistics of this fur trade, and the condition of the people or natives of Alaska who are dependent upon the successful prosecution and perpetuation of the seal and sea-otter industries; such agent to receive as compensation the sum of ten dollars per day while actually thus employed, and to remain thus employed only as long as the Secretary of the Treasury deems it best for the full development of this inquiry, with all actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred therein, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

Alaska fur-seals and sea-otters.
Secretary of Treasury may appoint special agent to examine and report upon condition of, etc.

Compensation.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 5, 1890.

April 9, 1890.

CHAP. 70.—An act to construct a road from the city of Staunton to the National Cemetery, in the county of Augusta in the State of Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a macadamized road from the city of Staunton, in the State of Virginia, to the National Cemetery, in the county of Augusta, in said State, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, or so much of the above-named sum as may be necessary for said purpose.

Staunton, Va.
Road from, to national cemetery.
Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to advertise and let the contract for the construction of said road to the lowest bidder, taking bond with good security from the contractor for the completion of said road.

Contract and bond.

Approved, April 9, 1890.