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CHAP. 285.—An Act To authorize a bridge across the Perdido River between the States of Florida and Alabama.

Bridge authorized across Perdido River at Holman's Ferry, Fla. and Ala.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county authorities of the counties of Escambia, Florida, and Baldwin, Alabama, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, in accordance with plans to be approved by the Secretary of War, an iron or wooden bridge for free use by the public at or near Holman's ferry across the Perdido River, between the States of Alabama and Florida, and to jointly maintain and regulate the same under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon between the said counties.

Free bridge.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be begun within one year and completed within three years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 13, 1894.

August 14, 1894.

CHAP. 287.—An Act To provide an immediate revision and equalization of real-estate values in the District of Columbia; also to provide an assessment of real estate in said District in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six and every third year thereafter, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.

Assessment of real estate in name of owner.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all real property in the District of Columbia, except as hereinafter provided, shall be assessed in the name of the owner, or trustee or trustees of the owner thereof. All undivided real property of a deceased person may be assessed in the name of such deceased person until the same is divided, according to law, or has otherwise passed into the possession of some other person or persons; and all real property, the ownership of which is unknown, shall be assessed "owner unknown."

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Board of three assistant assessors to be appointed.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint three discreet persons, who shall have been bona fide residents of the District of Columbia for the period of at least five years, and conversant with real estate values therein, as a permanent board of assistant assessors, who shall hold office for a term of four years, unless sooner removed by said Commissioners for cause satisfactory to them, and shall each receive a salary of three thousand dollars annually, and the assessor of the District of Columbia shall hereafter receive a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum. Each person so appointed on said board shall, within ten days after receiving notice thereof, take and subscribe an oath to diligently, faithfully, and impartially perform all and singular the duties imposed upon him by this Act. If any such appointee shall fail to qualify as aforesaid within the time prescribed, or shall fail to enter upon the discharge of his duties within fifteen days after such qualification, the appointment shall be void, and the Commissioners shall forthwith appoint another suitable person, who shall qualify as above provided; and when appointed and qualified as aforesaid, said board of assistant assessors shall immediately proceed to hear and consider such complaints as may be made regarding the assessment returned by the board of three members appointed by the President of the United States, under the Act of August fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, revise and equalize said assessment, and make return to the assessor of the District of Columbia of the revision and equalization on or before the first Monday of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-five. And said revision and equalization so returned shall be the basis of assessment for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and until the next general assessment is made and

Salary.

Assessor's salary.

Oath.

Vacancies.

Hearing complaints of present assessments.

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Revision.

Basis of taxes, fiscal year 1895.