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Refunding of indebtedness by Santa Fe County.

The said county of Santa Fe is hereby authorized and empowered to again refund all or any portion of the indebtedness thereof by this Act validated within one year from the passage of this Act, in accordance with the terms and provisions of an act of the legislature of the Territory of New Mexico, being chapter seventy-nine, entitled "An act for the financial relief of counties and municipalities" (House bill numbered one hundred and ninety-two), approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, except that such refunded bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semiannually, and shall become due twenty-five years from the date of the issue of such refunded bonds, and shall be issued for the amount of unpaid principal of the bonds of said county by this Act validated, with interest thereon from the date thereof, to wit, September, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and March, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, respectively, at the rate of four per centum per annum until the date when the sum shall be refunded as herein provided, less the amount of interest heretofore paid on such bonds; and when said bonds shall be so refunded they shall be subject in all other respects to all the provisions, liabilities, rights, obligations, benefits, and advantages of said act of the legislature herein referred to. In case said bonds shall not be refunded by said county of Santa Fe upon the terms and conditions in this section set forth, then the bonds validated by this Act shall remain as the legal obligation of said Santa Fe County.

If said bonds shall be refunded as herein provided, the holders of the bonds herein validated shall, upon actual notice given by said county, deliver to said county the bonds herein validated, and shall receive in lieu thereof the refunded bonds provided for in this section: *Provided*, That any of said bonds which shall not be delivered for refunding to said county of Santa Fe within six months after said notice shall be given, as herein required, shall not bear a rate of interest greater than four per centum per annum from date of issue: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to make the Government of the United States liable or responsible for the payment of any of said bonds by this Act approved, confirmed, and made valid.

Provisos.
Interest on refunded bonds.

Nonliability of United States.

Received by the President, January 5, 1897.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 61.—An Act Providing for certain requirements for vessels propelled by gas, fluid, naphtha, or electric motors.

January 18, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all vessels of above fifteen tons burden, carrying freight or passengers for hire, propelled by gas, fluid, naphtha, or electric motors, shall be, and are hereby, made subject to all the provisions of section forty-four hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the inspection of hulls and boilers and requiring engineers and pilots; and all vessels so propelled, without regard to tonnage or use, shall be subject to the provisions of section forty-four hundred and twelve of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the regulation of steam vessels in passing each other; and to so much of sections forty-two hundred and thirty-three and forty-two hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to lights, fog signals, steering, and sailing rules, as the Board of Supervising Inspectors shall, by their regulations, deem applicable and practicable for their safe navigation.

Vessels propelled by gas, electricity, etc.

Inspection, etc., required.
R. S., sec. 4226, p. 858.

Subject to rules for vessels passing.
R. S., sec. 4212, p. 854.

Regulation of machinery.
R. S., secs. 4233, 4234, p. 859.
Vol. 28, p. 690.

Approved, January 18, 1897.