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Amendment

SEC. 12. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require, at the expense of the owners, the entire removal of any bridge constructed under the provisions of this Act whenever Congress shall decide that the public interests so require is also expressly reserved; and the United States shall not be liable for damages arising from the exercise of the rights thus expressly reserved.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 13. That if the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within one year and be completed within three years from the date of approval of this Act, then this Act shall be null and void, and all rights hereby conferred shall cease and determine.

Approved, January 26, 1901.

January 28, 1901.

CHAP. 183.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to amend the criminal laws of the District of Columbia," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the criminal laws of the District of Columbia," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the same shall read:

Police court.
Security for appearance for trial.
Vol. 30, p. 724, amended.

"That every person charged with an offense triable in the police court of the District of Columbia may give security for his appearance for trial or for further hearing either by giving bond to the satisfaction of the court or by depositing money as collateral security in such

—amount.

amount as the court, the assistant attorney for the United States, the special assistant attorney for the District of Columbia, or the lieutenant or acting lieutenant of police of the precinct in which the person is detained may determine with the clerk of the police court, or the lieutenant or acting lieutenant of police, or the station keeper of the

—property in.

police precinct within which such person may be apprehended. And whenever any sum of money shall be deposited as collateral security as hereby provided it shall remain, in contemplation of law, the property of the person depositing it until duly forfeited by the court; and when forfeited it shall be, in contemplation of law, the property of the United States of America or of the District of Columbia, according as the charge against the person depositing it is instituted on behalf of the said United States or the said District; and every person receiving any sum of money deposited as hereby provided shall be deemed in law the agent of the person depositing the same or of the said United States or the said District, as the case may be, for all purposes of

Fines.

properly preserving and accounting for such money. And all fines payable and paid under judgment of the said police court shall, upon

—property in, etc.

their payment, immediately become, in contemplation of law, the property of the said United States or the said District, according to the charge upon which such fine may be adjudged; and the person receiving any such fine shall be deemed in law the agent of the said

—penalty for conversion, etc.

United States or the said District as aforesaid, as the case may be; and any person, being an agent as hereinbefore contemplated and defined, who shall wrongfully convert to his own use any money received by him as hereinbefore provided shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement, and upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both:

Proviso.
Rights of Washington Humane Society.
Policeman's fund.
Fireman's relief fund.

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall affect the ultimate rights under existing law of the Washington Humane Society, or the policeman's fund (by whatever name the same may be called or known), or the firemen's relief fund, of the District of Columbia, in or to any fines or forfeitures paid and collected in the said police court."

Approved, January 28, 1901.