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[Public, No. 74.]

CHAP. 507.—An Act For the relief of bona fide settlers in forest reserves.

Public lands.
Relief of bona fide settlers on forest reserves.
Vol. 26, p. 1103.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where a claimant under the settlement laws of the United States within the limits of a forest reserve created under the provisions of section twenty-four of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes," has failed, by reason of ignorance of the proclamation of the President, or of the filing of the township plat of survey, or from unavoidable accident or conditions, or from misunderstanding of the law, to place his claim of record within the statutory period, such claimant may be permitted within a period of two years from and after the passage of this Act to file his claim in the proper United States land office and receive patent therefor upon showing due compliance with the law under which the claim is asserted, notwithstanding the reservation, provided that he made bona fide settlement upon the land claimed prior to the date of the proclamation establishing the forest reserve and maintained continuous residence thereon for the requisite period. The benefits of this Act shall extend to bona fide claims already received by the local land offices after the statutory period, and for which patents have not issued, provided the settlers have complied with the provisions of the law except as to the time of filing their claims.

Time extended for filing claims.

Prior settlement required.

Pending claims.

Approved, April 15, 1902.

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[Public, No. 75.]

CHAP. 508.—An Act To establish and provide for a clerk for the circuit and district courts of the United States held at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Eastern judicial district, North Carolina.
Vol. 17, p. 215, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three, chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the United States Statutes at Large, volume seventeen, be amended by adding thereto, at the end of said section, the following:

Clerk at Wilmington.

"And the circuit and district judges for the eastern district shall appoint, besides a clerk of said court held at Raleigh, an additional clerk, who shall reside and keep his office at Wilmington and be clerk both of the district and circuit court held at Wilmington, and who shall have the custody and control of the records of said courts, shall give the same bond required of the clerk of circuit and district courts of said district, and shall receive the same fees and compensation for services performed by clerks of such courts now fixed by law."

Approved, April 15, 1902.

April 17, 1902.
[Public, No. 76.]

CHAP. 530.—An Act Providing for an additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit.

United States courts.
Additional judge, second circuit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be in the second circuit an additional circuit judge, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall possess the same qualifications and shall have the same powers and jurisdiction now prescribed by law in respect to the present circuit judges.

Approved, April 17, 1902.