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assessed, and shall be collected as special improvement taxes in the District of Columbia, and shall be payable in five equal annual installments, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum from and after sixty days after the confirmation of the verdict and award.

Damage awards deducted from benefits.

In all cases of payments the accounting officers shall take into account the assessments for benefits and the award for damages, and shall pay only such part of said award in respect of any lot as may be in excess of the assessment for benefits against the part of such lot not taken, and there shall be credited on said assessment the amount of said award not in excess of said assessment.

Proceedings.

That said court may allow amendments in form or substance in any petition, process, record, or proceeding, or in the description of property proposed to be taken, or of property assessed for benefits whenever such amendments will not interfere with the substantial rights of the parties interested.

Compensation of jurors.

SEC. 9. That each juror shall receive as compensation the sum of five dollars per day for his services during the time he shall be actually engaged in such services under the provisions hereof.

Appropriation for expenses.

SEC. 10. That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, to provide the necessary funds for the costs and expenses of the condemnation proceedings taken pursuant hereto.

Appeals not to delay opening of street, etc.

SEC. 11. That no appeal by any interested party from the decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia confirming the assessment or assessments of benefits or damages herein provided for, nor any other proceeding at law or in equity by such party against the confirmation of such assessment or assessments, shall delay or prevent the payment of award to others in respect to the property condemned, nor delay or prevent the taking of any of said property sought to be condemned, nor the opening of such street: *Provided*, *however*, That upon the final determination of said appeal or other proceeding at law or in equity the amount found to be due and payable as damages sustained by reason of the extension of said street under the provisions hereof shall be paid as hereinbefore provided.

Proviso.
Payment of final decision.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905.
[H. R. 16989.]

[Public, No. 178.]

CHAP. 1445.—An Act To amend section six hundred and two of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia," as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six hundred and two of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia," approved March third, nineteen hundred and one, as amended by the Acts approved January thirty-first and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

District of Columbia Code.
Vol. 31, p. 1284, amended.

Benevolent, etc., societies.
Reincorporation.

"SEC. 602. Any existing benevolent, charitable, educational, musical, literary, scientific, religious, or missionary corporation incorporated under the provisions of this Act, including societies formed for mutual improvement, may reincorporate or may continue the term of its existence beyond the time specified in its original certificate of incorporation, or by law, or in any certificate of continuance of corporate existence, or may change its name by the written consent of two-thirds of its trustees or directors or other governing board, which consent in the case of a stock corporation shall be accompanied by the written consent of the owners of two-thirds of the capital stock of the corporation. A certificate that such consent or consents have been duly

Certificate of officers.

given, containing the original name and the new name of the corporation, if the same has been changed, and the term of corporate existence as continued shall be subscribed and acknowledged by the president or vice-president and by the secretary or assistant secretary of such corporation, and shall be filed with such consent or consents in the office of the recorder of deeds, to be recorded by him. Upon the filing of such certificate all the rights, powers, property, and effects of such existing corporation subject to existing liabilities shall vest in and belong to the corporation so reincorporated, continued, or renamed."

Rights transferred.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1446.—An Act Granting certain lands to the city of Tacoma, in the State of Washington, for use as a public park.

March 3, 1905.
[H. R. 17019.]
[Public, No. 179.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title and fee to lots one, two, and three of section ten, and lots one, two, and three, and the south half of the southwest quarter of section fourteen, and lots one, two, three, four, five, and six, and the east half of the southeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section fifteen, of township twenty-one north, range two east, Willamette meridian, in the State of Washington, be, and the same are hereby, granted to the city of Tacoma, in the county of Pierce in said State, for its use as a public park; subject, however, to the right of the United States to at any and all time and in any manner assume control of, hold, use, and occupy, without license, consent, or leave from said city any or all of said lots for any and all military, naval, or light-house purposes, freed from any conveyances, charges, encumbrances, or liens made, created, permitted, or sanctioned thereon by said city: *And provided*, That the United States shall not be or become liable for any damages or compensation whatever to the city of Tacoma for any future use by the Government of any or all of the above-described land for any of the above-mentioned purposes: *And provided further*, That if said lands shall not be used as a public park the same or such parts thereof not so used shall revert to the United States.

Public lands.
Tacoma, Wash., granted lots for public park.

Reversion.

Provisos.
Nonliability for damages.

To revert if not used.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

CHAP. 1447.—An Act To extend the time within which actions for the recovery of duties paid in Porto Rico may be brought in the Court of Claims under the Act of April twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and two.

March 3, 1905.
[H. R. 17102.]
[Public, No. 180.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time within which actions may be brought in the Court of Claims for the recovery of customs duties paid to the military authorities in the island of Porto Rico upon articles imported from the several States and entered at the several ports of entry in Porto Rico from and including April eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, to May first, nineteen hundred, under the Act of April twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and two, chapter six hundred and forty of the laws of the Fifty-seventh Congress, first session, be, and it is hereby, extended until six months from the date of the passage of this Act.

Porto Rican duties.
Time extended to file claims for refunding.

Vol. 32, p. 176.

Approved, March 3, 1905.