AUTHENTICATED
U.S. GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION
GPO

CHAP. 733.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to better define and regulate the rights of aliens to hold and own real estate in the Territories," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

February 23, 1905.
[S. 1258.]
[Public, No. 87.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to better define and regulate the rights of aliens to hold and own real estate in the Territories," approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to extend to aliens the same rights and privileges concerning the acquisition, holding, owning, and disposition of real estate in the District of Columbia as by that Act are conferred upon them in respect of real estate in the Territories of the United States.

District of Columbia.
Alien ownership of lands in.
Same rights as exist in Territories extended to.
Vol. 29, p. 619, amended.

SEC. 2. That all laws and parts of laws so far as they conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, February 23, 1905.

CHAP. 734.—An Act To amend chapter fifty-five of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia.

February 23, 1905.
[S. 2654.]
[Public, No. 88.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter fifty-five of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia," approved March third, nineteen hundred and one, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out sections sixteen hundred and eight, sixteen hundred and nine, sixteen hundred and ten, sixteen hundred and eleven, sixteen hundred and twelve, and sixteen hundred and thirteen, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

District of Columbia.
Code amendments.

"SEC. 1608. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to open, extend, widen or straighten alleys and minor streets in the District of Columbia under the following conditions, namely: First, upon the petition of the owners of more than one-half of the real estate in the square or block in which such alley or minor street is sought to be opened, extended, widened, or straightened, accompanied by a plat showing the opening, extension, widening, or straightening proposed; second, when the Commissioners deem that the public interests require such opening, extension, widening, or straightening; third, when the health officer of said District certifies to the necessity for the same on the grounds of public health: *Provided*, That a minor street shall be of a width of not less than forty feet nor more than sixty feet and shall run through a square or block from one street to another.

Opening of alleys, etc.
Vol. 31, p. 1429, amended.
Petition.
Health.
Proviso.
Width and length of alleys, etc.

"SEC. 1608a. That if in the opening, extension, widening or straightening of an alley or minor street, or in the extension or widening of public streets or highways, an alley or part of an alley may have been, or may hereafter be, in the judgment of the said Commissioners rendered useless or unnecessary, said Commissioners are authorized to close the same. That if the alley to be closed is an original alley, they may sell the land contained therein for cash at a price not less than the assessed value of contiguous lots. That if the alley is not an original alley, the title thereto shall revert to the owners of the land abutting thereon, but all such land shall be subject to the assessment for benefits hereinafter referred to.

Closing of useless alleys.
Sale of.
Reversion of, to owners of abutting land.

"SEC. 1608b. That the said Commissioners are authorized to accept the dedication of an alley or alleys and in connection therewith to close any existing alley or alleys in the square or block in which such dedication is made upon the application of the owners of all the property abutting on such existing alley or alleys. That if the alley proposed to be closed is an original alley, the party or parties making the

Alleys may be closed on dedication of new ones.
Proceedings.