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CHAP. 1862.—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seven, and for other purposes.

April 24, 1906.
[H. R. 13103.]
[Public, No. 123.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seven, and for other purposes, namely:

Pensions appropriations.

For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and thirty-nine million dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for seperately: *And provided further*, That the age of sixty-two years and over shall be considered a permanent specific disability within the meaning of the pension laws.

Invalid, etc., pensions.

Provisos.
Navy pensions.

Accounts.

Age made permanent specific disability.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seven, seven hundred thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided*, That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made: *Provided further*, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant: *And provided further*, That the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examiners of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *And provided further*, That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in securing the introduction of a bill or the passage thereof through Congress granting pension or increase of pension; and any person who shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain any compensation for such services shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Examining surgeons.
Fees.

Provisos.
Examinations.

No fee unless service rendered.

Rating.

Disabilities to be fully described.

Inspection of reports.

Pension attorneys, etc.

Penalty for receiving, etc., pay for securing special legislation.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

Agents' salaries.

For clerk hire, and other services, four hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire, and other services, for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Clerk hire.

Proviso.
Apportionment.

Rents.

For rents, New York, four thousand five hundred dollars; Washington, two thousand five hundred dollars; in all, seven thousand dollars.

Stationery, lights, etc.

For stationery, fuel, lights, and other necessary expenses, thirty thousand dollars.

Inspection, etc., of agencies.
Vol. 22, p. 374.
R. S., sec. 4766, p. 927.

For examination and inspection of pension agencies, as provided by the final provision of the Act of August eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, amending section forty-seven hundred and sixty-six, Revised Statutes, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Approved, April 24, 1906.

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[H. R. 14591.]

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CHAP. 1863.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Cumberland River in or near the city of Clarksville, State of Tennessee.

Cumberland River.
Montgomery County may bridge, at Clarksville, Tenn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Montgomery, in the State of Tennessee, be, and it is hereby, authorized and empowered to build and maintain a highway bridge across the Cumberland River in or near the city of Clarksville, State of Tennessee,

Free bridge.

for the use of the public as a highway, free of any tolls, and said bridge is hereby declared a post route, upon which no charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States; and said bridge shall enjoy all the

Telegraph, etc., rights.

rights and privileges of other post routes in the United States; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act

Proviso.
Existing laws not affected.

shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers or to exempt said bridge from the operation of the same.

Continuous spans.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built with unbroken and continuous spans, in no case less than ninety feet above low-water pool level in said river, nor shall any of the spans be less than three hundred feet in the clear between the piers, or the piers and the abutments, and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of said river.

Unobstructed navigation.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be constructed without any unreasonable interference with the security and convenience of navigation of

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

said river; and to secure that object the said county shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, designs and drawings of the proposed bridge, including a map of its proposed location, giving for the space of one mile above and below the proposed site the topography of the banks of said river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at high and low water stages, with the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for the full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of said bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, said

Changes.

bridge shall not be commenced or built; and no changes shall be made in said bridge, before or after completion, unless approved by the Secretary of War, and any changes which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation shall

Lights, etc.

be made by the owners of the bridge at their own expense; and there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Time of construction.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized is not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this Act.