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CHAP. 170.—An Act To transfer certain counties in the several judicial districts in the State of Arkansas.

March 4, 1915.
[H. R. 18086.]

[Public, No. 319.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Desha and Chicot, in the State of Arkansas, be, and the same are hereby, detached from the western division of the eastern district of Arkansas and are hereby annexed to, included in, and made a part of the eastern division of the said eastern district of the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas eastern judicial district.
Vol. 36, p. 1106, amended.
Desha and Chicot Counties annexed to eastern division of.

SEC. 2. That the county of Yell, in the State of Arkansas, be, and the same is hereby, detached from the Fort Smith division of the western district of Arkansas and is annexed to, included in, and made a part of the western division of the eastern district of the State of Arkansas.

Yell county annexed to western division of.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall in no wise affect the jurisdiction as to actions at law or suits in equity now pending, but all actions at law and suits in equity now pending in the respective districts and divisions having jurisdiction thereof at the time of the passage of this Act shall proceed as if this Act had not been passed.

Pending cases not affected.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

CHAP. 171.—An Act To repeal penalties on foreign-built vessels owned by Americans.

March 4, 1915.
[H. R. 18685.]

[Public, No. 320.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of sections forty-two hundred and nineteen and forty-two hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes as imposes tonnage duties of 50 cents per ton and light money of 50 cents per ton on a vessel owned by citizens of the United States but not a vessel of the United States; so much of section four J, subsection one, of the Act of October third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, entitled "An Act to reduce tariff duties and to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes," as imposes a discriminating duty of ten per centum ad valorem on all goods, wares, or merchandise imported in a vessel owned by citizens of the United States but not a vessel of the United States; and so much of section four J, subsection two, of the Act aforesaid as provides for the forfeiture of any vessel owned by citizens of the United States but not a vessel of the United States, together with her cargo, tackle, apparel, and furniture, are hereby repealed. Any such tonnage duties, light money, or discriminating duties collected since the passage of the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall be refunded, and any such forfeitures incurred are hereby remitted: *Provided, however*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply only in case that any vessel of the character above described after entering an American port shall, before leaving the same, be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Shipping.
Foreign-built vessels owned by Americans.
Tonnage tax, etc., on, repealed.
R. S. secs. 4219, 4225, pp. 813, 814.
Ante, p. 195.
Discriminating duty.
Ante, p. 196.
Forfeiture.
Refund, etc.
Proviso.
American registry required.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

In effect immediately.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

CHAP. 172.—An Act To provide for provisional certificates of registry of vessels abroad, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1915.
[H. R. 18686.]

[Public, No. 321.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That consular officers of the United States and such other persons as may from time to time be designated by the President for the purpose are hereby authorized to issue provisional certificates of registry to vessels abroad which

Certificates of registry.
Consuls may issue provisional, to vessels bought by citizens.