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CHAP. 316.—An Act To validate certain declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States.

August 11, 1916
[S. 4594.]

[Public, No. 193.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States filed prior to the passage of this Act in the counties of Cascade, Chouteau, Teton, Hill, Blaine, and Valley, State of Montana, under the Act approved June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and to provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States," as amended by the Acts of March fourth, nineteen hundred and nine, June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten, and March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, are hereby declared to be as legal and valid as if such declarations of intention had been filed in the judicial district in which the declarants resided, as required by section four of said Act of June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, and that the petitions for naturalization dismissed on account of such invalidity in the declaration of intention shall be given a rehearing without additional cost, upon informal application therefor by the candidate for citizenship to the clerk of court upon notice to the Bureau of Naturalization: *Provided,* That such declarations of intention shall not be by this Act further validated or legalized and that this Act shall apply only to those persons who have heretofore made homestead, desert land or timber and stone entries.

Naturalization of aliens.
Declarations of intention filed in certain counties of Montana, validated.
Vol. 34, p. 30.
Vol. 35, p. 1102; Vol. 36, p. 831; Vol. 37, p. 737.

Rehearings.

Provisos.
Applicable only to entrymen.

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CHAP. 317.—An Act To grant certain lands to the State of Oregon as a public park, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.

August 11, 1916.
[H. R. 10305.]

[Public, No. 194.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all those certain tracts, pieces, or parcels of land lying and being situate in the State of Oregon described as follows, to wit: The south half and the northeast quarter of section seven, and the west half and the southeast quarter of section eight, and the southwest quarter of section nine, in township five north, range eight west of the Willamette meridian; and the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven, and the southeast quarter and west half of section twenty-eight, and the north half of section thirty-three, and the northwest quarter of section thirty-four, and the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine, in township six north, range eight west of the Willamette meridian, are hereby granted to the State of Oregon as a public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people: *Provided,* That the patent to be issued for said lands shall contain the provision that the land shall revert to the United States whenever it shall not be used for the purposes mentioned in this Act: *Provided further,* That the Government of the United States of America reserves the right to operate and maintain any telegraph or telephone line over and upon said land which is in operation at the passage of this Act, or which it may see fit to establish thereafter.

Public lands.
Granted to Oregon for public park.
Description.

Provisos.
Reversion for nonuser.

Telegraph, etc., line rights reserved.

SEC. 2. That there shall be excepted from the grant hereby made any lands which at the date of the approval of this Act shall be covered by a valid, existing, bona fide right or claim initiated under the laws of the United States: *Provided,* That this exception shall not continue to apply to any particular tract of land unless the claimant continues to comply with the law under which the claim or right was initiated.

Valid claims excepted.

Proviso.
Condition.

Approved, August 11, 1916.