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Taking over of lands, etc., if early purchase not practicable.
Post, pp. 1790, 1826, 1885.

attached thereto, can not be procured by purchase within one month after the passage of this Act the President is hereby authorized and empowered to take over for the United States the immediate possession and title of such lands and improvements, including all easements, rights of way, riparian, and other rights appurtenant thereto, or any land selected by him to be used for the carrying out of the purposes of this Act. That if said land and appurtenances and improvements shall be taken over as aforesaid, the United States shall make just compensation therefor, to be determined by the President, and if the amount thereof so determined by the President is unsatisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be paid seventy-five per centum of the amount so determined by the President and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sum, as, added to the said seventy-five per centum, will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for by section twenty-four, paragraph twenty, and section one hundred and forty-five of the Judicial Code. Upon the taking over of said property by the President as aforesaid, the title to all such property so taken over shall immediately vest in the United States. For the purposes of this Act there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated the sum of $1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no railroad shall be built in the District of Columbia under this Act, until Congress has approved the point from which such road may start and also the route to be followed in the District of Columbia.

Determination of compensation by President.

Suit authorized if price unsatisfactory.

Procedure.
Vol. 36, pp. 1093, 1136.

Title to vest at once.

Appropriation.

Restriction on building railroad in District of Columbia.

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CHAP. 65.—An Act To authorize the extension of a spur track or siding from the existing lines of railroad in the District of Columbia across First Street Northeast, between L and M Streets, to the buildings occupied by the field medical supply depot of the Army.

District of Columbia.
Railroad siding to Army Medical Supply Depot, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby granted the Surgeon General of the United States Army to construct, maintain, and operate a temporary single-track overhead siding across First Street northeast, between L and M Streets, to the building or buildings in square six hundred and seventy-three, occupied by the Field Medical Supply Depot of the Army: *Provided*, That the siding herein authorized shall not extend westwardly beyond a point five hundred and sixty-nine feet and nine inches east of the present site of Sibley Hospital or any of its buildings; and shall be limited to the use of the Medical Department of the United States Army for the period preceding the declaration of peace and thirty days thereafter; and within six months following the declaration of peace the Surgeon General shall cause said track to be entirely removed from the limits of said street and shall cause the aforesaid street to be restored to its condition prior to the construction of the siding without cost to the District of Columbia.

Proviso.
Restriction and limitations.

Removal after end of war.

Expenses from Army appropriations.

The Surgeon General of the Army shall provide for the construction, maintenance, and removal of this siding as herein authorized and prescribed, and the costs thereof shall be defrayed from the appropriations for the Medical and Hospital Department of the United States Army: *Provided further*, That said track shall be used only between the hours of six o'clock antemeridian and nine o'clock postmeridian except in cases of extreme emergency, and trains shall be operated with the least possible noise.

Proviso.
Limit of daily use.

Approved, April 29, 1918.