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SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and required, on the approval of this Act by the President, to provide a death chamber and necessary apparatus for inflicting the death penalty by electrocution, to pay the cost thereof out of any funds hereafter appropriated, to designate an executioner and necessary assistants, not exceeding three in number, and to fix the fees thereof for services, which shall be paid out of any funds hereafter appropriated.

Death chamber, apparatus, etc., to be provided.
Post, p. 1322.

SEC. 3. That upon the conviction of any person in the District of Columbia of a crime the punishment of which is death, it shall be the duty of the presiding judge to sentence such convicted person to death according to the terms of this Act, and to make such sentence in writing, which shall be filed with the papers in the case against such convicted person, and a certified copy thereof shall be transmitted, by the clerk of the court in which such sentence is pronounced, to the superintendent of the District Jail, not less than ten days prior to the time fixed in the sentence of the court for the execution of the same.

Sentence to be in writing.

Transmission to superintendent of the jail.

SEC. 4. That at the execution of the death penalty as herein prescribed there shall be present the following persons, and no more, to wit:

Limitation of persons to be present at the execution.

The executioner and his assistant; the physician of the prison and one other physician if the condemned person so desires; the condemned person's counsel and relatives, not exceeding three, if they so desire; the prison chaplain and such other ministers of the Gospel, not exceeding two, as may attend by desire of the condemned; the superintendent of the prison, or, in the event of his disability, a deputy designated by him; and not fewer than three nor more than five respectable citizens whom the superintendent of the prison shall designate, and, if necessary to insure their attendance, shall subpœna to be present. The fact of execution shall be certified by the prison physician and the executioner to the clerk of the court in which sentence was pronounced, which certificate shall be filed by the clerk with the papers in the case.

Certificate to be filed.

SEC. 5. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.
Vol. 31, p. 1379, repealed.

Approved, January 30, 1925.

January 30, 1925.
[S. 1179.]
[Public, No. 349.]

CHAP. 116.—An Act To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to close certain streets, roads, or highways in the District of Columbia rendered useless or unnecessary by reason of the opening, extension, widening, or straightening, in accordance with the highway plan of other streets, roads, or highways in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to close Broad Branch Road between Jocelyn and Thirty-first Streets, Piney Branch Road between Spring Road and Blair Road, Pierce Mill Road between Tilden Street and Wisconsin Avenue, Belt Road between Wisconsin Avenue and Chevy Chase Circle, Colfax Street through square 712, Queen's Chapel Road between Bladensburg Road and Irving Street, Grant Road between Wisconsin Avenue and Connecticut Avenue, and such other streets, roads, or highways or parts of streets, roads, or highways, as may, in the judgment of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, become useless or unnecessary by reason of the opening, extension, widening, or straightening, in accordance with the highway plan of a street, road, or highway in the District of Columbia by dedica-

District of Columbia.
Designated streets, roads, etc., to be closed.

Other streets, etc., to conform with highways plans.

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Title to abutting owners.

tion, purchase, or condemnation; the title to the part or parts of the streets, roads, or highways so closed to revert to the abutting property owners: *Provided*, That the written consent of the owners of all the property abutting on the street, road, or highway or a part of street, road, or highway proposed to be closed be obtained.

Proviso.
Consent of property owners to be obtained.

Plats, etc., to be prepared and approved by Commissioners.

SEC. 2. That whenever a street, road, or highway, or any part of a street, road, or highway is sought to be closed in accordance with the provisions of this Act, a plat showing the street, road, or highway or part of the street, road, or highway to be closed by the said commissioners, as provided herein, shall be prepared by the surveyor of the District of Columbia and approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and ordered by the said commissioners to be recorded in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, and the area to be apportioned to each property owner abutting on the street, road, or highway or part of street, road, or highway closed by the said commissioners, as provided herein, shall be determined by the said commissioners and shall be shown by plats and computations prepared by the surveyor of the District of Columbia, and said apportioned areas shall be assessed on the books of the assessor of the District of Columbia the same in all respects as other private property in the District of Columbia.

Closed areas apportioned to abutting owners.

Approved, January 30, 1925.

January 30, 1925.
[S. 1665.]
[Public, No. 350.]

CHAP. 117.—An Act To provide for the payment of one-half the cost of the construction of a bridge across the San Juan River, New Mexico.

San Juan River, N. Mex.
Amount authorized for one-half cost of bridge across, near Bloomfield.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $6,620, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray one-half the cost of a bridge across the San Juan River near Bloomfield, New Mexico, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, who shall also approve the plans and specifications for said bridge and to be reimbursable to the United States from any funds now or hereafter placed in the Treasury to the credit of the Navajo Indians, to remain a charge and lien upon the funds of such Indians until paid: *Provided*, That the State of New Mexico or the county of San Juan shall contribute the remainder of the cost of said bridge, the obligation of the Government hereunder to be limited to the above sum, but in no event to exceed one-half the cost of the bridge.

Reimbursement from funds of Navajo Indian.

Proviso.
New Mexico to pay remainder of cost.

Approved, January 30, 1925.

January 30, 1925.
[S. 3509.]
[Public, No. 351.]

CHAP. 118.—An Act To change the time for the holding of terms of court in the eastern district of South Carolina.

United States courts.
South Carolina judicial district.
Vol. 42, p. 1486, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to amend an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of a district judge, district attorney, and marshal for the western district of South Carolina, and for other purposes," approved September 1, 1916, so as to provide for the terms of the district court to be held at Spartanburg, South Carolina,'" approved March 4, 1923, be and the same is hereby amended by changing the times for the terms of the district court for the eastern district of South Carolina, so as to read as follows: