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may postpone or adjourn to a day certain any of said terms by order made in chambers at any other place designated as aforesaid for holding court in said district.

Offices of clerks.

"The clerk of the district court for the northern district shall keep his office at Tulsa; the clerk of the district court for the eastern district shall keep his office at Muskogee and shall maintain an office in charge of a deputy at Ardmore; the clerk for the western district shall keep his office at Oklahoma City and shall maintain an office in charge of a deputy at Guthrie."

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[H. R. 15387.]
[Public, No. 966.]

CHAP. 540.—An Act To amend the Act of February 9, 1907, entitled "An Act to define the term 'registered nurse' and to provide for the registration of nurses in the District of Columbia."

District of Columbia.
Registration of nurses.
Vol. 34, p. 887, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after June 30, 1929, the Act of February 9, 1907, entitled "An Act to define the term 'registered nurse' and to provide for the registration of nurses in the District of Columbia," be amended to read as follows:

After June 30, 1929, all persons representing to be a nurse to register.

"That from and after the 30th day of June, 1929, no person shall in the District of Columbia in any manner whatsoever represent herself to be a registered, certified graduate, or trained nurse, or allow herself to be so represented, unless she has been and is registered or is registered by the nurses" examining board in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Nurses' examining board.
Appointment, etc.

"SEC. 2. The nurses' examining board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Those persons who are members of the nurses' examining board on June 30, 1929, shall continue to be members of the said board for the remainder of the terms for which they were appointed.

Terms of service.

The term of each member of said board shall be five years. All appointments shall be made so that the term of one member expires on the 30th day of June of each year. Each vacancy or unexpired term shall be filled by appointment from a list of five nominees submitted to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia by the Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia. Each nominee shall have had not less than five years' experience in the profession of nursing, be a registered nurse registered in the District of Columbia, and a member of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia. The Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia shall make such nominations to the said commissioners. No member of said board shall enter upon the discharge of her duties until she has taken oath faithfully and impartially to perform the same; and the said commissioners may remove any member of said board for neglect of duty or for any just cause.

Qualifications.

Oath required.

Organization of board.

"SEC. 3. The nurses' examining board shall meet in the District of Columbia between June 30, 1929, and July 15, 1929, and organize the board in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and annually thereafter shall meet in the month of April for the annual organization of the board. At each such organization meeting the board shall elect from its members a president and a vice president, and it shall also appoint an executive secretary of the board, who shall not be a member of the board, but who shall possess the requirements necessary for membership in the board. The secretary-treasurer of the said board who is acting in that capacity on July 1, 1929, for the unexpired term commencing in April, 1929, shall cease to hold office as secretary-treasurer of the board on and after July 1, 1929. The

Officers.

Office of secretary-treasurer to cease July 1, 1929.

Executive secretary to act as treasurer.

By-laws.

Records of meetings and register of nurses.

Examinations.

Inspection of nursing schools.

executive secretary shall ex officio act as treasurer of the board and as such shall furnish a bond in the penal sum which shall be fixed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The said board shall adopt such by-laws as it shall deem necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and may amend such by-laws from time to time at the discretion of said board. The executive secretary shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the board and also a register of all nurses duly registered or reregistered under this Act, and to furnish a certificate of registration or of reregistration to all such nurses; also to maintain a registry of nurses' training schools in the District of Columbia approved by said board. The board shall hold examinations not less frequently than once a year, and notice of each examination shall be given in one daily newspaper published in Washington and in one nursing journal at least thirty days prior to the examination. The executive secretary shall inspect all recognized schools of nursing in the District of Columbia, and report to said board as to the sufficiency and quality of training afforded by such schools. The executive secretary may be removed by a majority vote of the said board for neglected duty or any just cause.

Applications for registration.

Evidence required.

Qualifications.

"SEC. 4. That every nurse desiring to register in the District of Columbia shall make application to the nurses' examining board for examination and registration, and at the time of making such application shall pay to the treasurer of said board $10. Said applicant must furnish satisfactory evidence that she is over twenty-one years of age, or that she will attain the age of twenty-one years within six months after the date fixed for the necessary examination to be held by said board after the date of such application. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, an applicant shall not be registered unless she has passed an examination by the nurses' examining board. No nurse shall be registered in the District of Columbia who has not attained the age of twenty-one years. Said applicant must also furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and further that she holds a diploma from a training school for nurses which has been registered by the nurses' examining board of the District of Columbia: *Provided, however*, That no training school shall be registered which does not maintain proper educational standards and give not less than two years' training in a general hospital, or in a special hospital with adequate affiliations, all of which shall be determined by the nurses' examining board.

*Proviso.*
Requirement for registering a training school.

Registration without examination allowed graduates of hospital school prior to July 1, 1924.

"SEC. 5. That any nurse who is at least twenty-one years of age and of good moral character and who presents satisfactory evidence that she has, prior to July 1, 1924, graduated from a school of nursing connected with a hospital, and that she has been engaged in nursing in the District of Columbia prior to July 1, 1929, shall be entitled to registration without examination upon payment of the registration fee of $10: *Provided, however*, That application for such registration must be made on or before June 30, 1932.

*Proviso.*
Time required.

Registration without examination, nurses with diploma from outside school.

"SEC. 6. That the nurses' examining board shall register in like manner without examination any graduate or trained nurse registered as a nurse by examination in another State or Territory who holds a diploma from a nurses' training school outside of the District of Columbia which, in the opinion of said board, maintains a standard substantially equivalent to that provided for by this Act.

Reregistration.

"SEC. 7. Each nurse who has been registered in the District of Columbia shall be reregistered each year on the 1st day of July upon application to the executive secretary of said board and the payment of a fee of $1: *Provided*, That such fee of $1 shall not be payable in case the applicant has been originally registered within the twelve months next preceding the day for reregistration. Application for

*Provisos.*
Fee.

reregistration may be made within sixty days preceding the day of reregistration. Registration of any nurse who does not thus apply for reregistration for any year shall be automatically canceled as of the beginning of such year. The by-laws adopted by the nurses' examining board shall define the conditions upon which the registration of a nurse may be restored. Schools of nursing in the District of Columbia may apply to said board for registration and, with the exception of schools of nursing maintained at Government expense, shall pay a fee of $25 at the time application is made. Each such school registered shall apply each year for reregistration, and, with the exception of schools of nursing maintained at Government expense, at the same time pay a fee of $1: *Provided further*, That on the petition of any applicant to whom registration or reregistration has been denied by the nurses' examining board, the action of the board may be reviewed by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on a writ of certiorari, subject to appeal to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, in the same manner as appeals are taken in similar cases.

Registration automatically canceled if no application for reregistration.

Fee for schools of nursing.

Annual application.

Appeal from denial of registration by the board.

"SEC. 8. No person shall file or attempt to file with the nurses' examining board of the District of Columbia any statement, diploma, certificate, credential, or other evidence when she knows, or when she might by reasonable diligence ascertain, that it is false and misleading. The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sitting as a court of equity, may suspend or revoke any certificate issued and any registration effected under this Act upon evidence showing to the satisfaction of the court that the registrant has been guilty of misconduct or is professionally incapacitated. Proceedings looking toward the suspension or revocation of a certificate or registration shall be begun by petition filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the name of the nurses' examining board, or of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or of the major and superintendent of police of said District, and shall be verified by oath. Proceedings shall be conducted by the United States attorney for the District of Columbia according to the ordinary rules of equity practice and such supplementary rules as said court may deem expedient to carry into effect the purpose and intent of this Act. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to the Court of Appeals of said District. Any such appeal on behalf of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or of the major and superintendent of police of said District may be filed without bond. The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia may determine whether a certificate or registration shall be suspended or be revoked, and if such certificate or registration is to be suspended said court may determine the duration of such suspension and the conditions under which said suspension shall terminate.

Filing false statements with board forbidden.

Jurisdiction of court to suspend certificate for misconduct, etc.

Procedure.

Appeal to District Court of Appeals.

Authority of District Supreme Court.

"SEC. 9. That all expenses incident to the execution of the provisions of this Act shall be paid from fees collected from schools of nursing and from registration or reregistration of nurses. The executive secretary of said board may receive a salary to be fixed by said board at its annual organization meeting not to exceed the rate of $200 per month. Each member of the board shall receive a per diem allowance at the rate of $10 per day for each full day such member is actually engaged in the performance of duties as a member of the board. The payment of such per diem allowance shall be made from any unexpended balance in the treasury of said board remaining on June 30 of the year during which the services have been rendered, and if the unexpended balance is insufficient to meet the total amount of such per diem allowance, the rate of compensation shall be reduced to a rate which will permit payment from

Expenses paid from fees collected.

Salary of executive secretary.

Per diem to members of board.

Payment of fees.

Auditing accounts, etc.

Money reports, etc.

such unexpended balance. That such expenses shall in no event exceed the total of receipts. All registration or reregistration fees shall be paid to the treasurer of the board, and shall be paid out under the orders of the board. That it shall be the duty of the auditor of the District of Columbia to audit the accounts of the nurses' examining board at the end of each fiscal year and to make report thereof in writing to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The said auditor shall have free access to all books, papers, and records of the board. The nurses' examining board shall make annual reports to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia containing a statement of moneys received and disbursed, and a summary of its official acts during the preceding year.

Penalty for violation.

"SEC. 10. That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $200 or by imprisonment in the workhouse for a period not exceeding sixty days.

Nursing another not prevented.

Proviso.
If not representing to be registered, etc.

"SEC. 11. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any person from nursing any other person in the District of Columbia, either gratuitously or for hire: *Provided*, That such person so nursing shall not represent herself as being a registered, certified, graduate, or trained nurse.

Construction of "she" and derivatives.

"SEC. 12. That the word 'she' and the derivatives thereof, wherever they occur in this Act, shall be construed so as to include the word 'he' and derivatives."

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[H. R. 16082.]
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**CHAP. 541.**—An Act To authorize the disposition of unplatted portions of Government town sites on irrigation projects under the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, and for other purposes.

Irrigation projects.
Sale of unplatted portions of, at auction.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to appraise, and sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, from time to time, for cash, any or all of the unplatted portions of Government town sites created under the Act of April 16, 1906 (Thirty-fourth Statutes, page 116), on any irrigation project constructed under the Act of June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes, page 388), or Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto: *Provided*, That any land so offered for sale and not disposed of may afterwards be sold, at not less than the appraised value, at private sale, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. Patents made in pursuance of such sale shall convey all the right, title, and interest of the United States in or to the land so sold.

Vol. 34, p. 116.

Vol. 32, p. 388.

Proviso.
Disposal at private sale, if not disposed of at auction.

Disposal of net proceeds.

SEC. 2. The net proceeds of such sales after deducting all expenditures on account of such lands, and the project construction charge, for the irrigable area of the lands so sold where irrigation or drainage works have been constructed or are proposed to be constructed, shall be disposed of as provided in Subsection I of section 4 of the Act of December 5, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes, page 672). Where the project construction charge shall not have been fixed at the date of any such sale, same shall be estimated by the Secretary of the Interior.

Vol. 43, p. 703.

Expenses of appraisement, etc., from reclamation fund.

SEC. 3. Reclamation funds are authorized to be appropriated for use in defraying the necessary expenses of appraisement and sale of the lands herein authorized to be sold, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as, in his opinion, may be necessary and proper for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

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