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be, granted, where the right of such permittee or lessee was initiated prior to such location, to use so much of the surface of the land as may be necessary for prospecting for, mining, and removing the oil and gas deposits therein without compensation to the locater or patentee, in accordance with section 29 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437).

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[H. R. 15263.]
[Public, No. 780.]

**CHAP. 374.**—An Act To relieve restricted Indians in the Five Civilized Tribes whose nontaxable lands are required for State, county, or municipal improvements or sold to other persons or for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That whenever any nontaxable land of a restricted Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes is sold to the State of Oklahoma, or to any county or municipality therein, for public-improvement purposes, or is acquired, under existing law, by said State, county, or municipality by condemnation or other proceedings for such public purposes, or is sold under existing law to any other person or corporation for other purposes, the money received for said land may, in the discretion and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, be reinvested in other lands selected by said Indian and such land so selected and purchased shall be restricted as to alienation, lease, or incumbrance, and nontaxable in the same quantity and upon the same terms and conditions as the nontaxable lands from which the reinvested funds were derived and such restrictions to appear in the conveyance.

Five Civilized Tribes, Okla.
Restricted member of, whose land sold, may select other.

Proceeds of sale to be applied thereon.

Alienating, leasing restrictions.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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March 2, 1931.
[H. R. 15865.]
[Public, No. 781.]

**CHAP. 375.**—An Act For the retirement of employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all employees of the Panama Canal on the Isthmus of Panama, and all employees of the Panama Railroad Company, on the Isthmus of Panama, who are citizens of the United States and whose tenure of employment is not intermittent nor of uncertain duration, shall come within the provisions of this Act.

Retirement of Federal personnel of the Panama Canal, etc.

AUTOMATIC SEPARATION

Automatic separation.

SEC. 2. All employees to whom this Act applies shall, after reaching the age of sixty-two years and having rendered at least fifteen years of service on the Isthmus of Panama, be automatically separated from the service and retired on the annuity provided for herein; and all salary, pay, or compensation shall cease from that date: *Provided*, That if the Governor of the Panama Canal certifies to the Civil Service Commission that by reason of his efficiency and willingness to remain in the service, the continuance of such employee therein would be advantageous to the service, such employee may be retained for a term not exceeding two years, upon the approval and certification by the Civil Service Commission, and, at the end of the two-year term, by similar approval and certification, be continued for an additional term not exceeding two years:

Upon reaching age of 62 years.

Salary, etc., to cease.

*Proviso.*
Temporary retention upon certificate by Governor.