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[CHAPTER 763.]

AN ACT

August 27, 1935.
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To authorize the Secretary of State to lease to citizens of the United States any land heretofore or hereafter acquired under any Act, Executive order or treaty in connection with projects, in whole or in part constructed or administered by the Secretary of State through the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico, American section.

Mexican Boundary Commission, American section.

Secretary of State to lease to American citizens lands acquired in connection with projects through.

Sale, when no longer needed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized to lease to citizens of the United States any land heretofore or hereafter acquired under any Act, Executive order, or treaty in connection with projects, in whole or in part, constructed or administered by the Secretary of State through the said American Commissioner, or to dispose of such lands to American citizens when no longer needed, by sale at public auction, after thirty days advertisement, at a price not less than that which may be fixed by three disinterested appraisers, to be designated by the Secretary of State, or by private sale, or otherwise, at not less than such appraised value: *Provided*, That any of such land as shall have been donated to the United States and which is no longer needed may be reconveyed, without cost, to the grantor or his heirs:

Provisos.
Reconveyance of donated land to grantor.

Rights-of-way for irrigation, etc.

Provided further, That the lease or disposal of any land pursuant hereto may, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, be subject to reservations in favor of the United States for rights-of-way for irrigation, drainage, river work, and other purposes, and any such disposal may be conditioned upon and made subject to inclusion of such lands in any existing irrigation district in the vicinity of such lands, the proceeds of any such lease or sale to be covered into the Treasury of the United States: *And provided further*, That, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, and subject to such conditions as he may deem appropriate, conveyances of any other of such lands not needed by the United States may be made to the State to which they lie adjacent or to any similarly situated county, city, or other governmental subdivision of such State, without cost, for use for public purposes.

Donations to States for public purposes.

Issue of revokable licenses for irrigation, etc.

The Secretary of State is further authorized to issue revokable licenses for public or private use for irrigation or other structures or uses not inconsistent with the use of such lands made, or to be made, by the United States, across any lands retained by the United States, and to execute all necessary leases, title instruments, and conveyances, in order to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Restoration, etc., of private structures.

Whenever the construction of any project or works undertaken or administered by the Secretary of State through the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico, results in the interference with or necessitates the alteration or restoration of constructed and existing irrigation or water-supply structures, sanitary or sewage disposal works, or other structures or physical property belonging to any municipal or private corporation, company, association, or individual, the Secretary of State may cause the restoration or reconstruction of such works, structures, or physical property or the construction of others in lieu thereof or he may compensate the owners thereof to the extent of the reasonable value thereof as the same may be agreed upon by the American Commissioner with such owner.

Approved, August 27, 1935.