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fer of title accordingly and, if recorded as conveyances are recorded, shall impart the same notice that a deed, if recorded, would impart.

"(h) This chapter shall not be construed as to modify or repeal any prior, existing statute relating to the refinancing or readjustment of indebtedness of municipalities, political subdivisions, or districts: *Provided, however*, That the initiation of proceedings or the filing of a petition under section 80 shall not constitute a bar to the same taxing agency or instrumentality initiating a new proceeding under section 81 thereof.

Provisions not to affect existing law, etc.

Proviso.
Initiating, etc., proceedings; effect of.

"(i) Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to limit or impair the power of any State to control, by legislation or otherwise, any municipality or any political subdivision of or in such State in the exercise of its political or governmental powers, including expenditures therefor.

State control over political subdivisions not impaired.

"TERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

"SEC. 84. Jurisdiction conferred on any court by section 81 shall not be exercised by such court after June 30, 1940, except in respect of any proceeding initiated by filing a petition under section 83 (a) on or prior to June 30, 1940."

Termination of jurisdiction.

Approved, August 16, 1937.

[CHAPTER 658]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to accept title to a certain parcel of land at Gaithersburg, Maryland.

August 16, 1937
[H. R. 6145]
[Public, No. 303]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized and empowered to accept, on behalf of the United States, title, by deed from the heirs at law of Ignatius T. and Elizabeth M. Fulks (pursuant to the leasehold interest created by a contract of April 1, 1899, between the said Ignatius T. and Elizabeth M. Fulks and the Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey), to the following-described property situated and lying in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, Maryland, to wit: Beginning at a stone planted in the ground at the intersection of the lines of the lands of the said Ignatius T. Fulks, Vandelia Owen, and Philemon M. Smith, and running thence south forty-six degrees thirty minutes west three hundred feet; thence south forty-three degrees thirty minutes east two hundred and seventy feet; thence north forty-six degrees thirty minutes east four hundred and forty-four and six-tenths feet; thence north seventy-one degrees forty minutes west fifty-three and five-tenths feet to a stone; still north seventy-one degrees forty minutes west two hundred and fifty-two and eight-tenths feet to the place of beginning, containing two and three hundred and seven one-thousandths acres of land, more or less; together with all the improvements thereon, and the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, including the present right-of-way from the entrance of the property to the Frederick Road.

Gaithersburg, Md.
Acceptance of title to certain land in, authorized.

Description.

Acquisition of the title to said property under this Act shall be without expense to the United States, except the expense of conveyancing and the expense of making an abstract of title to said property.

Restriction on expense.

Approved, August 16, 1937.