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[CHAPTER 772]

AN ACT

August 25, 1937
[S. 2249]
[Public, No. 368]

Providing for the manner of payment of taxes on gross production of minerals, including gas and oil, in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma.
State gross production taxes on minerals, etc., restricted Indian lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever restricted Indian lands in the State of Oklahoma are subject to gross production tax on minerals, including oil and gas, the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, may cause such tax or taxes due the State of Oklahoma to be paid in the manner provided for by the statutes of the State of Oklahoma.

Approved, August 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 773]

AN ACT

August 25, 1937
[S. 2258]
[Public, No. 369]

To authorize a modification of the project for the control of floods in Lowell Creek, Alaska.

Lowell Creek, Alaska.
Modification of flood-control project authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the project for the control of floods in Lowell Creek, Alaska, is hereby modified in accordance with the recommendation in House Document Numbered 154, Seventy-fifth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth therein, the work to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers.

Approved, August 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 774]

AN ACT

August 25, 1937
[S. 2281]
[Public, No. 370]

To regulate proceedings in adoption in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Adoption proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia to hear and determine petitions and decrees of adoption of any adult or child (hereinafter called adoptee) with authority to make such rules, not inconsistent with this Act, as shall bring fully before the court for consideration the interests of the adoptee, the natural parents, the petitioner, and any other properly interested party. No petition shall be considered by the court unless petitioner's spouse joins in the petition or consents to the adoption.

Consent of petitioner's spouse.

Jurisdiction is conferred if either of the following circumstances exist:

Residence requirements.

(1) If petitioner is a legal resident of the District of Columbia;

(2) If petitioner has actually resided in the District of Columbia for at least one year.

Data to be furnished.

The petition shall state, so far as known, the name, age, race, occupation, and address of the natural parents, when known, and of the petitioner, whether the petitioner is married or single, the age and sex of the adoptee, the property owned by the adoptee, and such other facts as the court may require.

Investigation and report.

The court shall thereupon, if the adoptee is under twenty-one years of age, issue a rule with copy of the petition attached, which shall be served in such manner as the court shall therein direct, directed to all parties to the petition who do not appear and consent to the adoption, and to the Board of Public Welfare to verify the allegations of the petition, to make a thorough investigation for the purpose