Public Law 581 CHAPTER 726

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 13, 1954
[S. J. Res. 149]

Designating the month of September 1955 as John Marshall Bicentennial Month, and creating a commission to supervise and direct the observance of such month.

Whereas September 24, 1955, will mark the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Marshall, who has been rightly called "the Great Chief Justice"; and

Whereas the work of John Marshall in expounding constitutional principles has been one of the most important factors in developing and maintaining the liberties of the people of the United States; and

Whereas a wider public knowledge and appreciation of the achievements of the great Chief Justice, John Marshall, is highly desirable in order to strengthen the moral, social, and political structure of our Nation, and as a means of helping to preserve and protect the lives, liberties, and property of all our people: Therefore be it

John Marshall Bicentennial Month.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of September 1955 is hereby set aside and designated as "John Marshall Bicentennial Month", in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Marshall, and in recognition of the vital part which he played in the development of our Nation. The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon appropriate agencies and organizations throughout the United States to unite in observing such bicentennial month with suitable activities and ceremonies, and inviting all the people of the United States to join therein.

Commission.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of John Marshall (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), and to be composed of nineteen members as follows:

Members.

(1) The President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, ex officio;

(2) Eight persons to be appointed by the President of the United States;

(3) Four Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate; and

(4) Four Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Duties.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall have the duty of supervising and directing the observance of John Marshall Bicentennial Month, and shall prepare appropriate plans and programs for the celebration of such month, giving due consideration to any proposed plans and programs which may be submitted to it. The Commission shall receive and coordinate any plans which may be prepared by State and local agencies, and by representative civic bodies, in connection with the celebration of such month. The Commission shall submit to the Congress at the earliest practicable time a full report of its activities together with a detailed statement of the plans and programs to be used in such celebration.

Chairman and Vice Chairman. Compensation.

SEC. 4. (a) The Commission shall select a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties under this joint resolution.

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(b) The Commission may employ such administrative personnel, advisers, and clerical and other assistants as may be necessary to carry out its duties under this joint resolution. Personnel.

SEC. 5. The Commission shall expire on December 31, 1955. Expiration.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this joint resolution. Appropriation.

Approved August 13, 1954.

Public Law 582 CHAPTER 727

AN ACT

August 13, 1954
[S. 2027]

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue quitclaim deeds to the States for certain lands.

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 shall issue quitclaim deeds to the public-land States for all lands patented to such States under section 4 of the Carey Act of August 18, 1894 (43 U. S. C., sec. 641). He shall also issue a patent for all unpatented public lands within each State now segregated under that Act for which the State issued final certificates or other evidence of right prior to June 1, 1953, or as to which equitable claims to the lands accrued prior to that date (by reason of cultivation or improvement of the lands for agricultural development purposes) for conveyance to the holders of such rights or claims, or to their heirs, successors, or assigns. Public-land States. Quitclaim deeds. 28 Stat. 422.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall not issue such quitclaim deeds or patents to any State, however, unless that State files a proper application for the transfer of these lands within three years after the date of the enactment of this Act. Filing of application.

SEC. 3. The application must include a list of all the lands which the State certifies should be transferred under the terms of section 1 of this Act, the basis for the certification of each tract included, and a quitclaim or relinquishment of all right, title, and interest in the State to any and all other lands under the Carey Act. Such quitclaim or relinquishment by the State shall not affect any private rights obtained from the State prior to the enactment of this Act. 43 USC 641.

SEC. 4. The quitclaim or relinquishment of all right, title, and interest by the State to any lands under this Act shall not be effective until the Secretary has transferred the lands applied for under section 1 of this Act. The Secretary shall provide for the administration and disposition under the public-land laws of the lands quitclaimed or relinquished by the States pursuant to this Act. Effectivity.

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Public Law 583 CHAPTER 728

AN ACT

August 13, 1954
[S. 2204]

To provide that United States commissioners who are required to devote full time to the duties of the office may be allowed their necessary office expenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the catchline to section 633 of title 28, United States Code, is amended so that such catchline will read as follows: U. S. Commissioners. 62 Stat. 916.