(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.

Approved August 13, 1954.

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.

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