25 per centum of said sums for rural electrification loans may be employed in any one State or in all of the Territories."

7 USC 904.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of such Act is amended by striking out "10 per centum" and inserting "25 per centum".

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June 15, 1955
[S. 414]

AN ACT

To authorize an examination and survey of the coastal and tidal areas of the eastern and southern United States, with particular reference to areas where severe damages have occurred from hurricane winds and tides.

Hurricanes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in view of the severe damage to the coastal and tidal areas of the eastern and southern United States from the occurrence of hurricanes, particularly the hurricanes of August 31, 1954, and September 11, 1954, in the New England, New York, and New Jersey coastal and tidal areas, and the hurricane of October 15, 1954, in the coastal and tidal areas extending south to South Carolina, and in view of the damages caused by other hurricanes in the past, the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce and other Federal agencies concerned with hurricanes, is hereby authorized and directed to cause an examination and survey to be made of the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States with respect to hurricanes, with particular reference to areas where severe damages have occurred.

Survey.

SEC. 2. Such survey, to be made under the direction of the Chief of Engineers, shall include the securing of data on the behavior and frequency of hurricanes, and the determination of methods of forecasting their paths and improving warning services, and of possible means of preventing loss of human lives and damages to property, with due consideration of the economics of proposed breakwaters, seawalls, dikes, dams, and other structures, warning services, or other measures which might be required.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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Public Law 72 CHAPTER 141

June 15, 1955
[H. R. 3825]

AN ACT

To make retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of jurisdiction over certain land in the vicinity of Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Massachusetts.
Jurisdiction of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States hereby makes retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of concurrent jurisdiction over the following-described land:

Parcel "A": A parcel of land in the town of Harvard, comprising a portion of the original reservation of Fort Devens, shown on sheet numbered 1 of a plan on file in the Office of the Corps of Engineers, New England Division, at Boston, Massachusetts, as number MED-PA-638, dated May 1946, said parcel being located in the northernmost portion of said original reservation and being bounded and described as follows: