which such plan has its principal office) any information included within a description of the plan or an annual report published and filed pursuant to the provisions of this Act if copies of such description of the plan and of such annual report are filed with the State agency, and if copies of such portion of the description of the plan and annual report, as may be required by the State agency, are distributed to participants and beneficiaries in accordance with the requirements of such State law with respect to scope of distribution. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prevent any State from obtaining such additional information relating to any such plan as it may desire, or from otherwise regulating such plan.

(b) The provisions of this Act, except subsection (a) of this section, and any action taken thereunder, shall not be held to exempt or relieve any person from any liability, duty, penalty, or punishment provided by any present or future law of the United States or of any State affecting the operation or administration of employee welfare or pension benefit plans, or in any manner to authorize the operation or administration of any such plan contrary to any such law.

SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS

SEC. 11. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 12. The provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 1959.

Approved August 28, 1958.

Public Law 85-837

AN ACT

August 28, 1958
[H. R. 13500]

To provide for the disposal of federally owned property of the Hanson, Company, and Houma Canals, Louisiana, and for other purposes.

Hanson, Company, and Houma Canals, La.
Disposal of property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, whenever the Secretary of the Army, upon recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, determines that any of the federally owned property of Hanson Canal and Lock in Saint Mary Parish, Louisiana, and the Company and Houma Canals in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana, no longer economically serve the purposes for which they were constructed or acquired, the structures and appurtenances including real property acquired in connection therewith may be eliminated as features of existing Federal navigation projects.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to transfer or convey the property described above to the State of Louisiana or any of its political subdivisions, any local interests, or others, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine to be in the public interest: *Provided*, That the foregoing shall not be construed to preclude action under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377) if the Secretary of the Army reports the property to the Administrator of General Services for reassignment or disposal as excess real property.

40 Stat. 471 note.

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