

Public Law 85-797

AN ACT

To authorize the acquisition and disposition of certain private lands and the establishment of the size of farm units on the Seedskadee reclamation project, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

August 28, 1958
[S. 3448]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of assisting in the permanent settlement of farm families, protecting project land, facilitating project development, and other beneficial purposes the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to acquire in the name of the United States such lands or interests in lands on the Seedskadee reclamation project, Wyoming, authorized by the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105), as he deems appropriate to accomplish the purposes above enumerated. Such lands which cannot practically be acquired by exchange of public lands of equal value outside the irrigable area to be served may be acquired by purchase, at prices satisfactory to the Secretary without reference to increment on account of the construction of the project, or by donation.

Seedskadee reclamation project.
Acquisition of land.

43 USC 620-620o.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is further authorized to administer the public and acquired lands on the Seedskadee reclamation project, to sell, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of such lands and any improvements thereon, to establish townsites and to dedicate portions of said lands for public purposes, to the extent, in the manner, and on terms that in his judgment are in keeping with sound project development: *Provided*, That all the lands included in any farm units and made available for settlement, irrespective of whether said farm units are composed of public lands, acquired lands, or both, shall be sold at prices per acre established by the Secretary that in his judgment will, as nearly as practicable, equitably provide for the return in a reasonable period of years of the costs of acquisition and disposition of all settlement lands on the project.

Sale or exchange of lands.

SEC. 3. Beginning at such date or dates and subject to such provisions and limitations as may be fixed or provided by regulations issued by the Secretary under the authority of this Act, any public lands and any lands acquired under this Act shall be, after disposition thereof by the United States by contract of sale and during the time such contract shall remain in effect, (i) subject to the laws of the State of Wyoming relating to the organization, government, and regulation of conservancy and other similar districts, and (ii) subject to legal assessment or taxation by such district and by said State or political subdivisions thereof, and to liens for such assessments and taxes and to all proceedings for the enforcement thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent as privately owned lands: *Provided, however*, That the United States does not assume any obligation for amounts so assessed or taxed: *And provided further*, That any proceedings to enforce said assessments or taxes shall be subject to any title then remaining in the United States, to any prior lien reserved to the United States for unpaid installments under land sale contracts made under this Act, and to any obligation for any other charges, accrued or unaccrued, for special improvements, construction, or operation and maintenance costs of said project.

Assessment and taxation.

SEC. 4. No water shall be furnished from, through, or by means of project works to lands which are held in private ownership by any one owner in excess of the equivalent of one hundred and sixty acres of class 1 lands unless the owner thereof shall have executed a valid recordable contract with respect to the excess in like manner as is provided in the third sentence of section 46 of the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 636, 649). In computing "the equivalent of one hundred and sixty acres of class 1 lands" under this section, each acre of class

Irrigation water.

43 USC 423e.

2 land shall be counted as eighty-eight one-hundredths of an acre, each acre of class 3 land shall be counted as seventy-one one-hundredths of an acre, and each acre of class 4 land shall be counted as forty-three one-hundredths of an acre.

Conveyances.

SEC. 5. The Secretary is authorized to perform such acts, to make such rules and regulations, and to include in contracts made under the authority of this Act such provisions as he deems proper for carrying out the provisions of this Act; and in connection with sales or exchanges under this Act, he is authorized, in his discretion, to effect conveyance without regard to the laws governing the patenting of public lands.

43 USC 620-620o.

SEC. 6. This Act shall be deemed a supplement to and part of the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105).

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To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a widow or former wife divorced who loses mother's insurance benefits by remarriage may again become entitled if her husband dies within one year of such remarriage, to provide that interstate instrumentalities may secure coverage for policemen and firemen in positions under a retirement system of the instrumentality.

Social Security.
Mother's insur-
ance benefits.

64 Stat. 485; 71
Stat. 519.

42 USC 402.

Widow or di-
vorcée.

Post, p. 1013.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 202 (g) of the Social Security Act (relating to mother's insurance benefits) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(3) In the case of any widow or former wife divorced of an individual—

"(A) who marries another individual, and

"(B) whose marriage to the individual referred to in subparagraph (A) is terminated by his death but she is not his widow as defined in section 216 (c),

64 Stat. 510.

the marriage to the individual referred to in clause (A) shall, for the purpose of paragraph (1), be deemed not to have occurred. No benefits shall be payable under this subsection by reason of the preceding sentence for any month prior to whichever of the following is the latest: (i) the month in which the death referred to in subparagraph (B) of the preceding sentence occurs, (ii) the twelfth month before the month in which such widow or former wife divorced files application for purposes of this paragraph, or (iii) the month following the month in which this paragraph is enacted."

64 Stat. 514.

42 USC 418.

Policemen and
firemen.

SEC. 2. Subsection (k) of section 218 of the Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(3) Any agreement with any instrumentality of two or more States entered into pursuant to this Act may, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) (5) (A) and the references thereto in subsections (d) (1) and (d) (3), apply to service performed by employees of such instrumentality in any policeman's or fireman's position covered by a retirement system, but only upon compliance, to the extent practicable, with the requirements of subsection (d) (3). For the purpose of the preceding sentence, a retirement system which covers positions of policemen or firemen or both, and other positions shall, if the instrumentality concerned so desires, be deemed to be a separate retirement system with respect to the positions of such policemen or firemen, or both, as the case may be."