

Amend section eight so that it shall read as follows:

"SEC. 8. That whenever any boy under the age of seventeen years shall be brought before any court of the District of Columbia, or any judge of such court, and shall be convicted of any crime or misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment, other than imprisonment for life, such court or judge, in lieu of sentencing him to imprisonment in the county jail or fining him, may commit him to the Reform School, to remain until he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, unless sooner discharged by the board of trustees. And the judges of the criminal and police courts of the District of Columbia shall have power to commit to the Reform School, first, any boy under seventeen years of age who may be liable to punishment by imprisonment under any existing law of the District of Columbia, or any law that may be enacted and in force in said District; second, any boy under seventeen years of age, with the consent of his parent or guardian, against whom any charge of committing any crime or misdemeanor shall have been made, the punishment of which, on conviction, would be confinement in jail or prison; third, any boy under seventeen years of age who is destitute of a suitable home and adequate means of obtaining an honest living, or who is in danger of being brought up, or is brought up, to lead an idle or vicious life; fourth, any boy under seventeen years of age who is incorrigible, or habitually disregards the commands of his father or mother, or guardian, who leads a vagrant life, or resorts to immoral places or practices, or neglects or refuses to perform labor suitable to his years and condition, or to attend school. And the president of the board of trustees may also commit to the Reform School such boys as are mentioned in the foregoing third and fourth classes upon application or complaint, in writing, of a parent, or guardian, or relative having charge of such boy, and upon such testimony in regard to the facts stated as shall be satisfactory to him; and for taking testimony in such cases, he is hereby empowered to administer oaths."

Commitment of boys under 17.

—by whom made.

—in what cases.

Commitment by president of board of trustees.

Amend section nine so that it shall read as follows:

"SEC. 9. That every boy sent to the Reform School shall remain until he is twenty-one years of age, unless sooner discharged or bound as an apprentice."

Period of detention.

Amend section fifteen so that it shall read as follows:

"SEC. 15. That the board of trustees may make such by-laws, rules, and regulations for their own government and that of the institution, its officers, employees, and inmates, the employment, discipline, instruction, education, removal, and absolute, temporary, or conditional release of all boys committed to the school, as they may deem necessary and proper, and as are not contrary to the Constitution and to the laws of the District of Columbia."

By-laws.

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CHAP. 716.—An Act For the relief of the Colorado Cooperative Colony; to permit second homesteads in certain cases, and for other purposes.

June 5, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for making final proof and payment for all lands located under the desert-land laws of the United States by members of the Colorado Cooperative Colony, namely: Number four hundred and ninety-four, George Douglass, section four, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and thirty-eight, Erskine Easton, section five, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and twenty-one, Ruth R. Miller, section five, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and sixty-six, Evelyn Winter, section five, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number

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four hundred and sixty-nine, Charles A. Hastings, section five, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and eleven, Julia A. Howard, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and twenty-two, Thomas M. Campbell, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and thirty-nine, Edward L. Kittell, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and sixty-seven, Robert L. Veach, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and sixty-eight, Presly B. Veach, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and sixty, Fred. C. Tawney, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and twenty-three, Charles C. Goodrich, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and thirty-seven, Melville J. Goodrich, section six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and two, Olaf S. Petterson, section seven, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and three, Robert W. Crane, section seven, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and forty-five, Cornelius C. Langford, section seven, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and one, Hugh L. Shellabarger, section seven, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and thirteen, Cora G. Wartner, section seven, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and thirty-six, Nancy L. Bowen, section seven, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and ninety-five, George Slote, section eight, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and forty-eight, Cassius N. Gile, section eight, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and sixty-one, Ludelbert A. Lewis, section eight, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and eighty-seven, Clara L. Gile, section nine, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number two hundred and twenty-eight, Edward L. Gallatin, section nine, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and eighty-four, Waldo Linnell, section nine, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and eighty-three, John H. Iverson, section nine, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and forty-eight, Reuben S. Riehl, section twelve, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and seventy-five, Frank C. Gibbs, section twelve, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and ninety-nine, George C. Wright, section twelve, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and thirty-nine, Charles Reed, section twenty-four, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and eighty-five, John F. Skees, section fourteen, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and twenty-six, Emory C. Brooks, section fourteen, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and fifty-one, Elmer C. Brooks, section fourteen, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and sixty-four, James Cooper, section fifteen, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and ninety-six, Frank E. Furry, section twenty-two, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and twenty-nine, William B. Benny, section twenty-three, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and thirty-five, William C. McGuire, section twenty-three, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and thirty, John Doing, section twenty-three, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and thirty-one, Arlie C. Coon, section twenty-three, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and six, Fred

H. Brown, section twenty-four, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and ninety-one, Uri H. Walker, section twenty-four, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number two hundred and forty, Georgena R. Smith, section twenty-five, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and sixteen, Albert C. Snyder, section twenty-five, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and fifty-two, Claus J. Jensen, section twenty-five, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and eighty-two, M. B. Leap, section twenty-seven, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and eighty-five, Gustav D. Hanman, section twenty-seven, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and forty-eight, Chester C. Dunn, section thirty-five, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number two hundred and seventy-six, Hattie H. Chrisman, section thirty-five, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and seventy-nine, Ligel M. Preston, section thirty-five, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and five, Bertha Tarkoff, section thirty-six, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and four, Friend D. Minor, section thirty-six, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number two hundred and seventy-eight, Hattie E. Wright, section thirty-six, township forty-seven north, range sixteen west; number two hundred and twenty-nine, Ada R. McElroy, section ten, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and seventy-one, Leroy M. Veach, section fifteen, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and fifty-four, Isaac Tarkoff, section sixteen, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and seventy-two, Handy R. Babcock, section sixteen, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and ten, Benj. L. Smith, section sixteen, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and ninety-seven, Samuel England, section sixteen, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and thirteen, Rockwood H. Blake, section thirty, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and forty-seven, John H. Dunmike, section thirty-six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number three hundred and forty-four, Clarence A. Wood, section thirty-six, township forty-six north, range fifteen west; number four hundred, May Schenck, section thirty, township forty-seven north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and forty-four, Ralph E. Chatfield, section thirty-one, township forty-seven north, range fifteen west; number four hundred and forty-one, Lida M. Brown, section thirty-one, township forty-seven north, range fifteen west; number two hundred and thirty, Hezekiah Epperson, section one, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and seven, William Liebenberg, section one, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and seventy-five, Julia W. Barnes, section one, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and eighty-one, Samuel M. Kerns, section one, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and thirty-two, Harry J. Langdon, section two, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number four hundred and thirty-three, John O'Leary, section two, township forty-six north, range sixteen west; number three hundred and fifty-three, James Mahaffy, section four, township forty-six north, range sixteen west, all in Montrose County, Colorado, land district, shall be extended for a period of three years.

SEC. 2. That any person who has heretofore made entry under the homestead laws and commuted same under provisions of section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendments thereto shall be entitled to the benefits of the

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Additional entry to homesteaders commuting first entry, etc. R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

homestead laws, as though such former entry had not been made, except that commutation under the provisions of section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes shall not be allowed of an entry made under this section of this Act.

—for forfeiture.

Proviso.
Purchasers of Flat-
head Indian lands,
Montana, included.
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SEC. 3. That any person who prior to the passage of this Act, has made entry under the homestead laws, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made: *Provided*, That persons who purchased land under and in accordance with the terms of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of lands patented to certain members of the Flathead band of Indians in the Territory of Montana, and for other purposes," approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, shall not be held to have impaired or exhausted their homestead rights by or on account of any such purchase.

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CHAP. 717.—An Act Relating to the allowance of exceptions.

United States courts.
Bills of exceptions.
R. S., sec. 953, p. 180,
amended.

What is sufficient
authentication.

Inability of trial
judge to sign.

—other judges may
sign, etc.

Pending cases in-
cluded.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section nine hundred and fifty-three of the Revised Statutes be so amended as to read as follows:

"SEC. 953. That a bill of exceptions allowed in any cause shall be deemed sufficiently authenticated if signed by the judge of the court in which the cause was tried, or by the presiding judge thereof if more than one judge sat at the trial of the cause, without any seal of the court or judge annexed thereto. And in case the judge before whom the cause has heretofore been or may hereafter be tried is, by reason of death, sickness, or other disability, unable to hear and pass upon the motion for a new trial and allow and sign said bill of exceptions, then the judge who succeeds such trial judge, or any other judge of the court in which the cause was tried, holding such court thereafter, if the evidence in such cause has been or is taken in stenographic notes, or if the said judge is satisfied by any other means that he can pass upon such motion and allow a true bill of exceptions, shall pass upon said motion and allow and sign such bill of exceptions; and his ruling upon such motion and allowance and signing of such bill of exceptions shall be as valid as if such ruling and allowance and signing of such bill of exceptions had been made by the judge before whom such cause was tried; but in case said judge is satisfied that owing to the fact that he did not preside at the trial, or for any other cause, that he can not fairly pass upon said motion, and allow and sign said bill of exceptions, then he may in his discretion grant a new trial to the party moving therefor."

SEC. 2. That this Act shall apply to all causes now pending, and to all causes pending for hearing upon motion for new trials, and to all causes pending for the allowance of a bill of exceptions.

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CHAP. 718.—An Act Relating to certain railway corporations owning or operating street railways in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Certain street rail-
ways may contract
mutually for the use
of their respective
roads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company, the Brightwood Railway Company of the District of Columbia, the Capital Railway Company, the City and Suburban Railway Company, the Columbia Railway Company, the