

CHAP. 403.—An Act To grant and confirm to the State of Florida title in and to sections sixteen within the exterior limits of the area patented to the State of Florida April 23, 1903, and for other purposes.

September 22, 1922.
[S. 3641.]
[Public, No. 338.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the unsurveyed sections sixteen within the exterior limits of the area patented to the State of Florida April 23, 1903, under the provisions of the Act of September 28, 1850, Ninth Statutes at Large, page 519, embracing the so-called Everglades, not mineral in character, and not occupied on May 27, 1922, by bona fide settlers under the homestead law, be, and the same are hereby, reserved, granted, and confirmed to the State of Florida for the benefit of public schools as though the official surveys had been extended over such lands.

Florida.
Unsurveyed public lands in school sections of swamp lands conveyed to, for public schools.

Approved, September 22, 1922.

CHAP. 404.—An Act For the relief of certain persons, their heirs or assigns, who heretofore relinquished lands inside national forests to the United States.

September 22, 1922.
[H. R. 8119.]
[Public, No. 339.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where any person or persons in good faith relinquished to the United States lands in a national forest as a basis for a lieu selection under the Act of June 4, 1897 (Thirtieth Statutes at Large, pages 11, 36), and failed to get their lieu selections of record prior to the passage of the Act of March 3, 1905 (Thirty-third Statutes at Large, page 1264), or whose lieu selections, though duly filed, are finally rejected, the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, upon application of such person or persons, their heirs or assigns, is authorized to accept title to such of the base lands as are desirable for national-forest purposes, which lands shall thereupon become parts of the nearest national forest, and, in exchange therefor, may issue patent for not to exceed an equal value of national-forest land, unoccupied, surveyed, and nonmineral in character, or the Secretary of Agriculture may authorize the grantor to cut and remove an equal value of timber within the national forests of the same State. Where an exchange can not be agreed upon the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby authorized to relinquish and quitclaim to such person or persons, their heirs or assigns, all title to such lands which the respective relinquishments of such person or persons may have vested in the United States: *Provided,* That such person or persons, their heirs or assigns, shall, within five years after the date of this Act, make satisfactory proof of the relinquishment of such lands to the United States by submitting to the Commissioner of the General Land Office an abstract of title to such lands showing relinquishment of the same to the United States, which abstract or abstracts shall be retained in the files of the General Land Office.

Public lands.
Persons relinquishing land for national forests and not receiving lieu selections.
Vol. 34, p. 36; Vol. 33, p. 1264.
Exchange of portion authorized, for other forest lands or value in timber.

If exchange not agreed upon, title to revert to parties relinquishing.

Proviso.
Proof of relinquishment to be made in five years.

SEC. 2. That if it shall appear that any of the lands relinquished to the United States for the purpose stated in the preceding section have been disposed of or appropriated to a public use, other than the general purposes for which the forest reserve within the bounds of which they are situate was created, such lands shall not be relinquished and quitclaimed as provided therein, unless the head of the department having jurisdiction over the lands shall consent to such relinquishment; and if he shall fail to so consent, or if any of the lands so relinquished have been otherwise disposed of by the United States, other surveyed, nonmineral, unoccupied, unreserved public lands of approximately equal area and value may be selected and patented in lieu of the lands so appropriated or disposed of in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by said Act of

If relinquished lands appropriated to other public use, title not to revert, without consent from officer having jurisdiction.

Other public lands in lieu may be selected if consent not given.

Proviso.
Applications to be
made in three years.

June 4, 1897, and the regulations issued thereunder: *Provided*, That applications to make such lieu selections must be filed in the General Land Office within three years after the date of this Act.

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[H. R. 8475.]
[Public, No. 340.]

CHAP. 405.—An Act To relieve enlisted men affected thereby from certain hardship incident to the operation of the proviso of section 4b of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, and to protect disbursing officers in connection therewith.

Army.
Payments to enlisted
men under Army re-
organization Act, vali-
dated.
Vol. 41, p. 762.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments heretofore made in good faith to enlisted men while in active service by reason of anything contained in that portion of the proviso of section 4b of the Act entitled "An Act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes," approved June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes,' approved June 3, 1916, and to establish military justice," approved June 4, 1920, reading: "That nothing in this section shall operate to reduce the pay which any enlisted man is now receiving during his current enlistment and while he holds his present grade," be, and the same hereby are, validated for all purposes, irrespective of whether such payments conform to decisions of the Comptroller of the Treasury or the General Accounting Office; and such payments shall be passed by the proper accounting officers of the United States to the credit of the disbursing officers making the same. Any sums of money which may have been deducted from the pay of any enlisted man on account of any such payment validated by this Act shall be refunded.

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Disbursing officers to
be credited for amounts
paid.
Refund of deduc-
tions.

September 22, 1922.
[H. R. 9499.]
[Public, No. 341.]

CHAP. 406.—An Act To authorize the State of Idaho to exchange certain lands heretofore granted for public-school purposes for other Government lands.

Public lands.
Idaho authorized to
exchange school sec-
tions in national for-
ests for other 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 be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture to accept title from the State of Idaho to certain sections sixteen and thirty-six within the boundaries of national forests of Idaho which were granted for public-school purposes and in exchange therefor to issue patents for equal values of any or all of the following-described lands found and determined to be nonmineral in character:

Description of lands
granted.

In township thirty-nine north, range three east: Section ten, the southeast quarter; section fourteen, the north half of the north half and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter; section fifteen, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter; section twenty-three, the southeast quarter and the south half of the northeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter; section twenty-four, lot one, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the north half of the northwest quarter; lot three, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter; section twenty-five, lot one, the west half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter; section twenty-six, the north half of the north half.