

directed to construct a subway and approaches to carry Van Buren Street under the tracks and right of way of the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, in accordance with plans and profiles of said works to be approved by the said commissioners: *Provided*, That one-half of the total cost of constructing said subway and approaches shall be borne and paid by the said railroad company, its successors and assigns, to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia, to the credit of the District of Columbia, and the same shall be a valid and subsisting lien against the franchises and property of the said railroad company and shall constitute a legal indebtedness of said company in favor of the District of Columbia, and the said lien may be enforced in the name of the District of Columbia by a bill in equity brought by the said commissioners in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia or by any other lawful proceeding against the said railroad company: *Provided further*, That the said railroad company shall pay to the District of Columbia for the lighting of the subway over which the tracks of the said railroad company will pass, in accordance with the provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That no street railway company shall use said subway or any approach herein authorized for its tracks until said company shall have paid to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia a sum equal to one-fourth of the total cost of said subway and approaches, to be applied to the credit of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing provisions the sum of \$71,500 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, payable in like manner as other appropriations for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia, and the said commissioners are authorized to expend such sum as may be necessary for personal services and engineering and incidental expenses, and no part of the same shall be applied toward the purchase of any land for the aforesaid extension of Van Buren Street, but such extension shall be made within the area in which the District of Columbia already possesses the right to extend said Van Buren Street under the aforesaid tracks and right of way.

SEC. 3. From and after the completion of the said subway and approaches to carry Van Buren Street under the tracks and right of way of the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company aforesaid, the highway grade crossing over the tracks and right of way of the said Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Lamond, in the District of Columbia, shall be forever closed against further traffic of any kind.

Approved, March 2, 1925.

CHAP. 396.—An Act To authorize the transfer of the United States Weather Bureau site and buildings at East Lansing, Michigan, to the State of Michigan in exchange for another Weather Bureau site on the grounds of the Michigan State Board of Agriculture and other considerations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transfer and convey to the State of Michigan all the right and title of the United States in and to all that piece and parcel of land situate in the city of East Lansing, county of Ingham, State of Michigan, now occupied and used by the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point in the south boundary of

Subway directed of Van Buren Street under Metropolitan Branch tracks.

Provisos.
One-half of cost to be paid by the railroad.

Payment for lighting.

Payment required of street railway company using subway.

Sum authorized for constructor, etc.
Post, p. 1319.

No purchase of land for extending Van Buren Street.

Lamond grade crossing of railroad closed forever on completion of subway.

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East Lansing, Mich.
Weather Bureau site at, transferred to Michigan.

Description.

the Lansing and Howell plank road forty feet westerly from the intersection of south line of said road with the township line between town 4 north, range 1 west, and town 4 north, range 2 west; thence north, seventy degrees three minutes west, one hundred and thirty-eight feet; thence south, seven degrees twenty-one minutes east, two hundred and twenty and sixty-eight one-hundredths feet; thence south, sixty-five degrees forty-three minutes east, seventy-seven and sixty-eight one-hundredths feet; thence north, eight degrees thirty-three minutes east, two hundred and six feet to the point of beginning; the tract of land so described containing forty-nine one-hundredths of an acre, more or less; including all the buildings and improvements thereon and all rights, easements, and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, and to execute and deliver in the name of the United States and in its behalf any and all conveyances or other instruments necessary to effectuate such transfer, upon the conditions (a) that the State of Michigan shall, in consideration thereof, transfer and convey to the United States a good title in fee simple to a parcel of ground located on the lands of the Michigan State Board of Agriculture at East Lansing, Michigan, approximately equal in area to that hereinbefore described, which shall be acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture as a site suitable for the erection and maintenance thereon of buildings and other structures for Weather Bureau purposes, and (b) that said State of Michigan shall, in addition, pay to the United States the sum of \$25,000. After deducting from said amount the necessary expenses of making such transfers the balance thereof shall be deposited by the Secretary of Agriculture in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

The Secretary of Agriculture is further authorized to erect on the site so acquired a building for the use of the Weather Bureau and to pay for all necessary labor, materials, and expenses, plans and specifications to be prepared by the Secretary of Agriculture, and the work to be done under the supervision of the Chief of the Weather Bureau, at a cost not to exceed \$38,000, from funds to be appropriated.

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[Public, No. 528.]

CHAP. 397.—An Act To create an additional judge in the district of Minnesota.

Minnesota judicial district.
Additional judge authorized to fill a vacancy.
Vol. 42, p. 838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a judge to fill a vacancy created in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota, occasioned by the death of Honorable John F. McGee, who was appointed as an additional judge in said district under the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act for the appointment of an additional circuit judge for the fourth judicial circuit, for the appointment of additional district judges for certain districts, providing for an annual conference of certain judges, and for other purposes," approved September 14, 1922.

No vacancy two years after this date to be filled.

SEC. 2. A vacancy occurring more than two years after the passage of this Act in the office of the district judge appointed pursuant to this Act shall not be filled unless Congress shall so provide.

Residence, etc.

SEC. 3. The judge appointed hereunder shall reside in said district and his compensation and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for the judge of said district.

Effective at once.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, March 2, 1925.