

or any title or claim thereto, made by any pueblo as a community, or any Pueblo Indian living in a community of Pueblo Indians, in the State of New Mexico, shall be of any validity in law or in equity unless the same be first approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Federal court procedure, etc., applicable.

SEC. 18. That the pleading, practice, procedure, and rules of evidence shall be the same in all causes arising under this Act as in other civil causes in the Federal courts, except as otherwise herein provided.

Sums appropriated for Indians, etc., to be paid to Bureau of Indian Affairs for disbursement, etc.

SEC. 19. That all sums of money which may hereafter be appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of paying in whole or in part any liability found or decreed under this Act from the United States to any pueblo or to any of the Indians of any pueblo, shall be paid over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which Bureau, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, shall use such moneys at such times and in such amounts as may seem wise and proper for the purpose of the purchase of lands and water rights to replace those which have been lost to said pueblo or to said Indians, or for purchase or construction of reservoirs, irrigation works, or the making of other permanent improvements upon, or for the benefit of lands held by said pueblo or said Indians.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

June 7, 1924.  
[S. 3023.]

[Public, No. 254.]

CHAP. 332.—An Act Designating the State of New Mexico as a judicial district, fixing the time and place for holding terms of court therein, and for other purposes.

United States courts.  
New Mexico judicial district constituted.  
Vol. 41, p. 1361, amended.  
Terms of court.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State of New Mexico shall constitute one judicial district, to be known as the district of New Mexico.

Terms of the district court shall be held at Santa Fe on the first Monday in March and September, at Albuquerque on the first Monday in June and December, at Roswell on the first Monday in May and October, at Las Cruces on the first Monday in November, at Silver City on the first Monday in January, at Las Vegas on the first Monday in February, and at Raton on the first Monday in April: *Provided*, That if at the time of the holding of the terms of said court in any year in the cities or towns of Las Vegas, Las Cruces, Silver City, or Raton there is insufficient business to justify the holding of any such term the same may be adjourned or continued by order of the judge of said court made at any place in the district: *And provided further*, That terms of court at Silver City, town of Las Vegas, and Raton shall not be held unless facilities therefor are furnished by the county of Grant at Silver City, the county of San Miguel at town of Las Vegas, and the county of Colfax at Raton, without cost and expense to the United States, until such time as court rooms and other necessary facilities have been constructed by the United States.

*Provisos.*  
Adjournments if business insufficient.

Rooms to be furnished at Silver City, Las Vegas, and Raton.

Transfer of causes allowed.

Causes, civil and criminal, may be transferred by the court or either judge thereof from any of the aforesaid places where court shall be held in said district to any of the places hereinabove mentioned in said district whenever in the opinion of the court or judge the convenience of the parties or the ends of justice would be promoted by the transfer.

Deputy marshals and clerks.

That the marshal and clerk of said court shall each, respectively, appoint at least one deputy to reside at and who shall maintain an office at each of the cities of Albuquerque and Roswell, and the marshal and the clerk of said court may each, respectively, with the

approval of the Attorney General, appoint one deputy at each of the cities of Las Cruces, Silver City, Raton, and the town of Las Vegas: *Provided*, That upon completion of the Federal building in the city of Las Vegas, the court shall be transferred to and held in the city of Las Vegas instead of the town of Las Vegas and court at the latter place discontinued.

*Proviso.*  
Court at Las Vegas on completion of Federal building.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

**CHAP. 333.**—An Act Providing for the acquirement by the United States of privately owned lands within Rio Arriba and Taos Counties, New Mexico, known as the Las Trampas grant, by exchanging therefor timber, within the exterior boundaries of any national forest situated within the State of New Mexico.

June 7, 1924.

[S. 3024.]

[Public, No. 255.]

*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 hereby is, authorized in his discretion to accept on behalf of the United States title to all or any part of privately owned lands, situated within the Las Trampas grant, located within the counties of Rio Arriba and Taos, State of New Mexico, if in the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture public interests will be benefited thereby, and the lands are chiefly valuable for national forest purposes, and in exchange therefor 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; the values in each case to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture and acceptable to the grantor as a fair compensation. Timber given in exchange shall be cut and removed under the laws and regulations relating to the national forests, and under the direction and supervision and in accordance with the requirements of the Secretary of Agriculture.

National forests.  
Private lands in Las Trampas grant, N. Mex., may be accepted for purposes of.

National forest timber allowed in exchange.

Supervision of cutting and removal of timber.

SEC. 2. That lands offered for exchange hereunder and not covered by public land surveys shall be identified by metes and bounds surveys and that such surveys and the plats and field notes thereof shall be made by employees of the United States Forest Service and approved by the United States Surveyor General.

Identification of lands offered.

SEC. 3. That any lands conveyed to the United States under the provisions of this Act shall, upon acceptance of the conveyance thereof, become and be a part of Carson National Forest.

Made a part of Carson National Forest.

SEC. 4. That before any exchange of lands for timber as above provided is effected, notice of such exchange proposal, describing the lands involved therein, shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in the county in which such lands so to be conveyed to the United States are situated.

Advertising of proposed exchange.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

**CHAP. 334.**—An Act Granting certain public lands to the city of Phoenix, Arizona, for municipal, park, and other purposes

June 7, 1924.

S. 3083.]

[Public, No. 256.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the south half of the north half and all the south half of section 13, the southwest quarter, the west half of the southeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 14, the southeast quarter, section 21, the east half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, the east half of the northeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the north-

Public lands.  
Granted Phoenix Ariz., for municipal, etc., purposes.  
Description.