

May 28, 1926.  
[H. R. 8916.]  
[Public, No. 305.]

**CHAP. 412.**—An Act Granting public lands to the county of Kern, California, for public park purposes.

Public lands.  
Granted to Kern  
County, Calif., for park  
purposes.

Description.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby granted and conveyed to the county of Kern, State of California, for public park purposes and for the use and benefit of said county, the following-described lands in county of Kern, State of California, or so much thereof as said county may desire, to wit:

Those certain drilling sites in naval petroleum reserve numbered 2, comprising approximately two acres each, known and designated as drilling sites numbered 9, 10, 17, and 18, in the town site of Ford, according to the map of the town site of Ford, which comprise the southwest quarter, the west half of the southeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 12, township 32 south, range 23 east, Mount Diablo meridian, approved on July 31, 1923, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Payment required.

That such conveyance shall be made of said land to said county of Kern, State of California, by the Secretary of the Interior, upon the payment by said county for said land, or such portion thereof as it may select, at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, and patent issued to said county for the said land selected, to have and to hold for public park purposes; and the grant hereby made shall not include any lands which at the date of issuance of patent shall be covered by valid existing bona fide right or claim initiated under the laws of the United States: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States, its grantees or lessees, all oil, coal, and other mineral deposits that may be found in the land so granted and all necessary use of the said land for prospecting for and extracting the same: *Provided further*, That said county shall not have the right to sell or convey the land herein granted, or any part thereof, or to devote the same to any other purpose than as hereinbefore described; and that if said land shall not be used for public park purposes, the same, or such parts thereof not so used, shall revert to the United States: *Provided further*, That the reservations to the Government provided for herein shall be stipulated in the patent.

Valid grants not included.

*Provisos.*  
Mineral deposits reserved.

Use restricted.

Reversion for non-user.

Patent to include reservations.

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[H. R. 10732.]  
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**CHAP. 413.**—An Act To authorize the construction of necessary additional buildings at certain naval hospitals, and for other purposes.

Navy.  
Buildings authorized  
at specified hospitals.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to construct necessary additional buildings at the naval hospitals at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, laboratory and mortuary building, \$35,000; Great Lakes, Illinois, boiler plant and connecting line, \$200,000; Puget Sound, Washington, extension to mess hall and galley, \$32,000; Guam, mess hall and galley, \$18,000; San Diego, California, officers' ward building, fifty beds, \$150,000; which expenditure for the purposes aforesaid shall be made from the naval hospital fund.

From naval hospital fund.

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[H. R. 10055.]  
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**CHAP. 414.**—An Act To amend section 77 of the Judicial Code to create a middle district in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

United States courts.  
Vol. 36, p. 1108,  
amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 77 of the Judicial Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:



"Sec. 77. (a) The State of Georgia is divided in three judicial districts, to be known as the northern, middle, and southern districts of Georgia.

Georgia judicial districts.

"(b) The northern district shall include three divisions, constituted as follows: The Gainesville division, which shall include the territory embraced on January 1, 1925, in the counties of Banks, Barrow, Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White; the Atlanta division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Campbell, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dekalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Fulton, Gilmer, Gwinnett, Heard, Henry, Milton, Newton, Pickens, Rockdale, Spalding, and Troup; and the Rome division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield.

Northern district.  
Gainesville division.

Atlanta division.

Rome Division.

"(c) Terms of the district court for the Gainesville division shall be held at Gainesville on the fourth Mondays in April and November; for the Atlanta division at Atlanta on the second Monday in March and the first Monday in October; and for the Rome division at Rome on the third Mondays in May and November.

Terms.

"(d) The middle district shall include six divisions, constituted as follows: The Athens division, which shall include the territory embraced on January 1, 1925, in the counties of Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hart, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton; the Macon division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Crawford, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Monroe, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, Upson, Washington, and Wilkinson; the Columbus division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Talbot, and Taylor; the Americus division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Crisp, Dooley, Lee, Macon, Schley, Sumter, Terrell, Webster, and Wilcox; the Albany division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Turner, and Worth; and the Valdosta division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, and Tift.

Middle district.

Athens division.

Macon division.

Columbus division.

Americus division.

Albany division.

Valdosta Division.

Terms.

"(e) The terms of the district court for the Athens division shall be held at Athens on the first Mondays in June and December; for the Macon division at Macon on the first Mondays in May and November; for the Columbus division at Columbus on the first Mondays in March and September; for the Americus division at Americus on the second Mondays in February and June: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations are furnished for holding court at Americus free of cost to the Government until a public building shall have been erected or put into proper condition for such purpose in said city; for the Albany division at Albany on the first Mondays in April and October; and for the Valdosta division at Valdosta on the third Mondays in March and September.

*Proviso.*  
Rooms to be furnished at Americus.

"(f) The southern district shall include four divisions, to be constituted as follows: The Augusta division, which shall include the territory embraced on January 1, 1925, in the counties of Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, and Wilkes; the Dublin division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Dodge, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Telfair,

Southern district.  
Augusta division.

Dublin division.



- Savannah division. Toombs, Treutlen, and Wheeler; the Savannah division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven, and Tattnall; and the Waycross division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Glynn, Pierce, Ware, and Wayne.
- Waycross division.
- Terms. "(g) The terms of the district court for the Augusta division shall be held at Augusta on the first Monday in April and the third Monday in November; for the Dublin division at Dublin on the third Mondays in January and June: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations are furnished for holding court at Dublin, free of cost to the Government, until public building shall have been erected or put into proper condition for such purpose in said city; for the Savannah division at Savannah on the second Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November; and for the Waycross division at Waycross on the second Mondays in June and December: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations are furnished for holding court at Waycross, free of cost to the Government, until public building shall have been erected or put into proper condition for such purpose in said city."
- Proviso.*  
Rooms to be furnished at Dublin.
- Rooms to be furnished at Waycross.
- Northern and southern district judges, attorneys, and marshals continued therein.
- Judge, attorney, and marshal to be appointed for middle district.
- Offices to be maintained by clerks.
- Acts repealed.  
Vol. 37, p. 1017.
- Vol. 38, p. 960.
- Vol. 38, p. 960.
- SEC. 2. (a) The district judges for the northern and southern districts of Georgia in office immediately prior to passage of this Act shall be the district judges for such districts as constituted by this Act; and the district attorneys and marshals for the northern and southern districts of Georgia in office just immediately prior to the passage of this Act shall be during the remainder of their present terms of office the district attorneys and marshals for such districts as constituted by this Act.
- (b) The President is authorized to appoint, by and with advice and consent of the Senate, for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, a district judge who shall reside in such district, a district attorney, and a marshal.
- (c) The clerk of the court for each of said districts shall maintain an office, in charge of himself or a deputy, in the respective divisions of the district, and the offices for such court shall be kept open at all times for transaction of business of the court.
- SEC. 3. The following Acts are repealed:
1. The Act entitled "An Act to amend section 77 of an Act entitled 'An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary,' approved March 3, 1911," approved March 4, 1913;
  2. The Act entitled "An Act to place Barrow County, Georgia, in the eastern division of the northern district of Georgia," approved March 3, 1915; and
  3. The Act entitled "An Act to place Candler, Jenkins, and Evans Counties, Georgia, in the eastern division of the southern district of Georgia, and to place Bacon and Thomas Counties, Georgia, in the southwestern division of the southern district of Georgia," approved March 3, 1915.
- Approved, May 28, 1926.

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[H. R. 10859.]  
[Public, No. 308.]

CHAP. 415.—An Act To provide for the transfer of certain records of the General Land Office to States, and for other purposes.

Public lands.  
On abolishment of land office in a State, records, etc., thereof may be transferred thereto.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That whenever the last United States land office in any State has been or hereafter may be abolished the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer to the State within which such United States