

## [CHAPTER 96.]

## AN ACT

March 27, 1934.  
[S. 2089.]  
[Public, No. 136.]

To amend the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D.C. Code, title 5, ch. 3), relating to building and loan associations.

District of Columbia  
Code amendments.  
Vol. 31, p. 1300.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Code of the District of Columbia (31 Stat. 1300; D.C. Code, title 5, ch. 3) is amended by adding at the end of title 5, chapter 3, thereof, the following new sections:

Building and loan  
associations may pur-  
chase bonds of Home  
Owners' Loan Corpo-  
ration.

"SEC. 55. PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The board of directors of any building association incorporated or unincorporated, organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia to do or now doing in the District of Columbia a building association business, in their discretion, may purchase the bonds of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation created pursuant to the authority of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, approved June 13, 1933 (and said association is hereby permitted to carry said bonds as an asset at the par value of said bonds) or may subscribe and pay for shares of any Federal corporation created or authorized by law to lend money to building and loan associations.

*Ante*, p. 128.

Exchange of secured  
obligations for, author-  
ized.

"SEC. 56. Any building association incorporated or unincorporated, organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia, to do or now doing, in the District of Columbia, a building association business, is authorized and empowered to exchange mortgages or deeds of trust or the notes or bonds secured thereby or other obligations and liens secured on real estate or any real estate which it may have or hold, for the bonds of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation created pursuant to the authority of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, approved June 13, 1933, and said association is hereby authorized to carry said bonds as an asset at the par value of said bonds."

Approved, March 27, 1934.

## [CHAPTER 97.]

## AN ACT

March 27, 1934.  
[S. 2950.]  
[Public, No. 137.]

To authorize steam railroads to electrify their lines within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.  
Electrification of ex-  
isting steam-railroad  
lines.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That steam-railroad companies now operating within the District of Columbia are hereby authorized, after approval of their detailed plans and issuance of a permit by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to electrify their lines within the District of Columbia and across the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers with an alternating current overhead catenary or other type of electrification system, with all necessary transmission, signal and communication conductors and equipment, poles, conduits, underground and overhead construction, substations, and any other structures necessary in such electrification, the provisions of any law or laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Structures, equip-  
ment, etc.

Submarine cables at  
drawbridge openings.

SEC. 2. Submarine cables may be used at drawbridge openings, provided previous approval shall have been obtained from the War Department.

SEC. 3. Where necessary for such electrification, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may issue permits to construct conduit systems through or under the surfaces of public streets or other District of Columbia or United States property: *Provided, however,* That three ducts therein shall be reserved for the use of the United States and the District of Columbia.

Construction of conduit systems.

SEC. 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting or abridging the authority of the War Department, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

*Proviso.*  
Government use of three ducts.

Jurisdiction not abridged.

SEC. 5. The said railroad companies shall be liable for any accident to, or injuries sustained by, any person by reason of any act or omission of the railroad companies or by their agents or servants during the construction, installation, maintenance, or operation of the electrical equipment and apparatus of the railroad trains.

Liability for injuries.  
Vol. 45, p. 600.

Approved, March 27, 1934.

[CHAPTER 98.]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

March 27, 1934.  
[S. 3067.]  
[Public, No. 138.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Louisiana Highway Commission, an administrative body created and acting under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, or a railway bridge in combination with a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Mississippi River.  
Louisiana may bridge, at Baton Rouge.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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[CHAPTER 99.]

AN ACT

To prevent the loss of the title of the United States to lands in the territories or territorial possessions through adverse possession or prescription.

March 27, 1934.  
[H. R. 5863.]  
[Public, No. 139.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter no prescription or statute of limitations shall run, or continue to run, against the title of the United States to lands in any territory or possession or place or territory under the jurisdiction or control of the United States, including the Philippine Islands; and that no title to any such lands of the United States or any right therein shall be acquired by adverse possession or prescription, or otherwise than by conveyance from the United States.

Lands in the territories or possessions.  
Title of United States not to be lost through adverse possession or prescription.

Approved, March 27, 1934.