

"If the Commission shall have conveyed all of its properties and rights to the State of New York and to the Canadian interests, as provided in section 6 hereof, the Commission shall be dissolved and shall cease to have further existence, after all bonds issued by the Commission and the interest thereon shall have been paid, and all other obligations of the Commission paid or discharged, or provision for all such payments shall have been made, as hereinbefore provided. In the event that construction of such bridge is not commenced by the Commission and carried to completion within the times prescribed by section 6 hereof, the Commission shall be dissolved and shall cease to have further existence by an order of the comptroller of the State of New York, made on his own initiative or upon application of the Commission or any member or members thereof, but only after a public hearing in the city of Niagara Falls, notice of the time and place of which hearing and the purpose thereof shall have been published once, at least thirty days before the date thereof in a newspaper published in the city of Niagara Falls, New York, and in a newspaper published in the city of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada."

Approved, April 12, 1940.

[CHAPTER 100]

AN ACT

To provide for terms of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Dissolution.

April 17, 1940
[H. R. 7421]
[Public, No. 454]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 71 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 144 (a), (b), and (c)), be and they are hereby, amended to read as follows:

Judicial Code,
amendments.
36 Stat. 1106.
Post, p. 302.

"SEC. 71. (a) The State of Arkansas is divided into two districts, to be known as the western and eastern districts of Arkansas.

Arkansas judicial
districts.

"(b) The western district shall include five divisions constituted as follows: The Texarkana division, which shall include the territory embraced on July 1, 1920, in the counties of Sevier, Howard, Little River, Pike, Hempstead, Miller, Lafayette, and Nevada; the El Dorado division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Columbia, Ouachita, Union, Ashley, Bradley, and Calhoun; the Fort Smith division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Polk, Scott, Logan, Sebastian, Franklin, Crawford, and Johnson; the Harrison division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Marion, Newton, and Searcy; and the Fayetteville division, which shall include the territory embraced on such date in the counties of Benton, Madison, and Washington.

Western district.
Texarkana division.

El Dorado division.

Fort Smith division.

Harrison division.

Fayetteville divi-
sion.

Terms of court.

"(c) Terms of the district court for the Texarkana division shall be held at Texarkana on the second Mondays in May and November; for the El Dorado division, at El Dorado on the third Mondays in April and October; for the Fort Smith division, at Fort Smith on the second Mondays in January and June; for the Harrison division, at Harrison on the first Mondays in April and October; and for the Fayetteville division at Fayetteville on the second Mondays in March and October: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations for holding court at Fayetteville are furnished without expense to the United States: *And provided further*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the provision of quarters for the officers

Provided.
Rooms, etc., at Fay-
etteville.
Accommodations in
new Federal building.

of said court and appropriate courtrooms for the holding of the sessions of said court in any new Federal building which may be constructed in Fayetteville."

Approved, April 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 101]

AN ACT

April 17, 1940
[H. R. 8702]
[Public, No. 455]

To amend the Judicial Code with respect to the continuation of grand juries to finish investigations.

Judicial Code,
amendment.
36 Stat. 267.
28 U. S. C., Supp.
V, § 421.
Continuation of
grand juries to finish
investigations.

Proviso.
Court may excuse
juror for good cause
shown.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fifth sentence of section 284 of the Judicial Code as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 421), be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows: "A district judge may, upon request of the district attorney or of the grand jury or on his own motion, by order authorize any grand jury to continue to sit during the term succeeding the term at which such request is made, solely to finish investigations begun but not finished by such grand jury, but no grand jury shall be permitted to sit in all during more than eighteen months: *Provided*, That, for good cause shown, the court may, at any time after the end of the term for which the grand jury was originally summoned, excuse any member of the grand jury and summon and impanel another person in his place."

Approved, April 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 104]

AN ACT

April 18, 1940
[S. 3174]
[Public, No. 456]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to accept, without cost to the United States, a fee-simple conveyance of sixteen and four-tenths acres, more or less, of land at Floyd Bennett Field in the city and State of New York.

New York, N. Y.
Acceptance of land
at Floyd Bennett
Field for naval sea-
plane base authorized.

Proviso.
Title, conveyance,
etc.
Rights included.

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 authorized to accept on behalf of the United States of America, from the city of New York, free of all encumbrances, and without cost to the United States Government, a tract of land containing sixteen and four-tenths acres, more or less, at Floyd Bennett Field in the city and State of New York, for use as a naval seaplane base: *Provided*, That the title to said land shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General and that the conveyance of said land shall be made to the United States of America and shall include the right of access for wheeled vehicles to the land conveyed from the highway bordering the said Floyd Bennett Field property on the westward, known as Flatbush Avenue; also the right of access over adjoining lands of Floyd Bennett Field for the purpose of transporting dredge material to be taken from the submerged or tidal lands adjacent to lands of Floyd Bennett Field for filling the land to be conveyed to a grade conforming to present grades of the Coast Guard reservation and the said Floyd Bennett Field, and also the right to lay, construct, and maintain through the Floyd Bennett Field property water lines, electric lines, telephone lines, gas lines, and other services as the Navy Department may find necessary for its proper and convenient use of the property acquired pursuant to the provisions hereof.

Approved, April 18, 1940.