

issued and sold are declared to be, and shall be, in the actual form in which such bonds have been issued, the binding and legal obligations of the municipal corporation or public-utility district issuing the same.

Validation of proceedings to incur bonded indebtedness, etc.

48 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 44a-44e.  
48 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 315-315d.

Issuance of negotiable bonds.

(b) All proceedings heretofore taken by any municipal corporation or any public-utility district in the Territory of Alaska in connection with proposals to incur bonded indebtedness or to issue negotiable bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 28, 1936 (49 Stat. 1388), as amended, or of the Act of May 31, 1938 (52 Stat. 589), which may have been heretofore submitted to those of the qualified electors of the municipal corporation or public-utility district whose names appeared upon the tax-assessment roll of such corporation or district last completed prior to the holding of the election, are hereby validated, ratified, and confirmed, notwithstanding any defects or irregularities in such proceedings; and the fact that the indebtedness heretofore authorized by the electors at the time of the submission to them of the proposal to incur a bonded indebtedness or to issue negotiable bonds may have exceeded the limit of indebtedness which may have been applicable at the time of such authorization under the terms of either of said acts shall not serve to prevent the issuance of negotiable bonds, at any time or times, in any amount or amounts which, at the time or times of such issuance, will not cause the aforesaid limitations to be exceeded.

Approved, January 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 11]

AN ACT

January 20, 1940  
[S. 1554]  
[Public, No. 404]

To provide that the district judge for the western district of Washington, authorized to be appointed under the Act of May 31, 1938, shall be a district judge for the eastern and western districts of Washington.

Washington, western district.  
District judge for, to serve also for eastern district.

52 Stat. 585.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 4t.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the district judge, authorized to be appointed for the western district of Washington under the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of additional judges for certain United States district courts, circuit courts of appeals, and certain courts of the United States for the District of Columbia", approved May 31, 1938 (Public Act Numbered 555, Seventy-fifth Congress, third session), shall be a district judge for the eastern and western districts of Washington.

Approved, January 20, 1940.

[CHAPTER 12]

AN ACT

January 25, 1940  
[S. 1335]  
[Public, No. 405]

Relating to the filing of affidavits of prejudice in the district court for the District of Alaska.

District court for District of Alaska.  
31 Stat. 444.  
Disqualification of judicial officers.

Affidavit of personal bias or prejudice of judge, filing of.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 707, chapter 70, of title II of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900, as amended (section 3305 of the Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, 1933), is amended by striking out the period at the end of paragraph "Fourth" and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following new paragraph:

"Fifth. Whenever any party, or an attorney for any party, to any action or proceeding, civil or criminal, shall make and file an affidavit that the judge before whom the action or proceeding is to be tried or heard has a personal bias or prejudice either against him

or his attorney or in favor of any opposite party, or attorney for an opposite party, to the suit, and that it is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay. Every such affidavit shall state the facts and the reasons for the belief that such bias or prejudice exists, and shall be filed within one day after such action, suit, or proceeding is at issue upon a question of fact, or good cause shall be shown for the failure to file it within such time. No party or attorney shall be entitled to file more than one such affidavit in any case. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply only to the District Court."

Approved, January 25, 1940.

Statement of facts and reasons for belief; time limitation.

Application of provisions.

## [CHAPTER 13]

## AN ACT

To amend section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended, and as reenacted by section 1 (k) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, is amended by inserting after the words "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended", wherever they appear, the words and figures ", or section 32, Public Law Numbered 320, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved August 24, 1935, as amended"; by inserting in subsection (a) after the word "being" the words "or are practically certain to be"; by striking out in subsection (b) the words "limitations on the total quantities of any article or articles which may be imported" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fees on, or such limitations on the total quantities of, any article or articles which may be entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption"; by striking out in subsection (b) the expression "July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1933" and inserting in lieu thereof the expression "January 1, 1929, to December 31, 1933"; and by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: "The fees and import restrictions proclaimed by the President under this section and any revocation, suspension, or modification thereof, shall become effective on such date as shall be specified in such proclamation, revocation, suspension, or modification, and such fees, which shall not be in excess of 50 per centum ad valorem, shall be treated for the purposes of all provisions of law relating to customs revenue as duties imposed by the Tariff Act of 1930."

Approved, January 25, 1940.

January 25, 1940  
[H. R. 7171]  
[Public, No. 406]

Agricultural Adjustment Act, amendments.  
49 Stat. 773; 50 Stat. 246.  
7 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 624.  
Import provisions.

49 Stat. 774.  
7 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 612c.

Fees and import restrictions.

46 Stat. 590.  
19 U. S. C. ch. 4; Supp. V, ch. 4.

## [CHAPTER 14]

## AN ACT

Authorizing States owning lands or interests therein acquired from the United States to include the same in certain agreements for the conservation of oil and gas resources.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable grant, deed, patent, exchange, or law of the United States, any State owning lands or interests therein acquired by it from the United States may consent to the operation or development of such lands or interests, or any part thereof, under agreements approved by the Secretary of the Interior made jointly or severally with lessees or permittees of lands or mineral deposits of the United States or others, for the purpose of more properly conserving the oil and gas resources within such State. Such agreements may provide for the cooperative or unit operation or development of part or all of any oil or gas pool, field,

January 26, 1940  
[H. R. 2953]  
[Public, No. 407]

Conservation of oil and gas resources.  
Inclusion by States in certain agreements for, of lands, etc., acquired from U. S.

Provisions and terms.