

Real-estate holdings.

SEC. 3. The provision contained in the Act incorporating Providence Hospital approved April 8, 1864, limiting the value of the real estate which may be held by the corporation is hereby repealed.

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[CHAPTER 443]

AN ACT

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To establish a boundary line between the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**TITLE I—BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

Establishment.

SEC. 101. The boundary line between the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby established as follows:

Said boundary line shall begin at a point where the northwest boundary of the District of Columbia intercepts the high-water mark on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River and following the present mean high-water mark; thence in a southeasterly direction along the Virginia shore of the Potomac River to Little River, along the Virginia shore of Little River to Boundary Channel, along the Virginia side of Boundary Channel to the main body of the Potomac River, along the Virginia side of the Potomac River across the mouths of all tributaries affected by the tides of the river to Second Street, Alexandria, Virginia, from Second Street to the present established pierhead line, and following said pierhead line to its connection with the District of Columbia-Maryland boundary line; that whenever said mean high-water mark on the Virginia shore is altered by artificial fills and excavations made by the United States, or by alluvion or erosion, then the boundary shall follow the new mean high-water mark on the Virginia shore as altered, or whenever the location of the pierhead line along the Alexandria water front is altered, then the boundary shall follow the new location of the pierhead line.

Territory ceded to Virginia.

SEC. 102. All that part of the territory situated on the Virginia side of the Potomac River lying between the boundary line as described in section 101 and the mean high-water mark as it existed January 24, 1791, is hereby ceded to and declared to be henceforth within the territorial boundaries, jurisdiction, and sovereignty of the State of Virginia: *Provided, however,* That concurrent jurisdiction over the said area is hereby reserved to the United States.

Right, title, or interest of U. S. to designated lands.

SEC. 103. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as relinquishing any right, title, or interest of the United States to the lands lying between the mean high-water mark as it existed January 24, 1791, and the boundary line as described in section 101; or to limit the right of the United States to establish its title to any of said lands as provided by Act of Congress of April 27, 1912 (37 Stat. 93); or the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States for the District of Columbia to hear and determine suits to establish the title of the United States in all lands in the bed, marshes, and lowlands of the Potomac River, and other lands as described by said Act below the mean high-water mark of January 24, 1791; or to limit the authority to make equitable adjustments of conflicting claims as provided for in the Act approved June 4, 1934 (48 Stat. 836).

Jurisdiction of Federal courts.

Adjustment of conflicting claims.  
D. C. Code § 8-104.

"Present" mean high-water mark.

SEC. 104. The "present" mean high-water mark shall be construed as the mean high-water mark existing on the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 105. The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey is hereby authorized, empowered, and instructed to survey and properly mark by suitable monuments the said boundary line as described in section 101, and from time to time to monument such sections of said boundary line as may be changed as provided for in section 101; and the necessary appropriations for this work are hereby authorized.

SEC. 106. The provisions of sections 272 to 289, inclusive, of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, secs. 451-468) shall be applicable to such portions of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and of the Washington National Airport as are situated within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any United States commissioner specially designated for that purpose by the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia shall have jurisdiction to try and, if found guilty, to sentence persons charged with petty offenses against the laws of the United States committed on the above-described portions of the said parkway or airport. The probation laws shall be applicable to persons so tried. For the purposes of this section, the term "petty offense" shall be defined as in section 335 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, sec. 541). If any person charged with any petty offense as aforesaid shall so elect, however, he shall be tried in the said district court.

SEC. 107. The State of Virginia hereby consents that exclusive jurisdiction in the Washington National Airport (as described in sec. 1 (b) of the Act of June 29, 1940 (54 Stat. 686)), title to which is now in the United States, shall be in the United States. The conditions upon which this consent is given are the following and none others: (1) There is hereby reserved in the Commonwealth of Virginia the jurisdiction and power to levy a tax on the sale of oil, gasoline, and all other motor fuels and lubricants sold on the Washington National Airport for use in over-the-road vehicles such as trucks, busses, and automobiles, except sales to the United States: *Provided*, That the Commonwealth of Virginia shall have no jurisdiction or power to levy a tax on the sale or use of oil, gasoline, or other motor fuels and lubricants for other purposes; (2) there is hereby expressly reserved in the Commonwealth of Virginia the jurisdiction and power to serve criminal and civil process on the Washington National Airport; and (3) there is hereby reserved in the Commonwealth of Virginia the jurisdiction and power to regulate the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic beverages on the Washington National Airport (as described in sec. 1 (b) of the Act of June 29, 1940 (54 Stat. 686)).

Subject to the limitation on the consent of the State of Virginia as expressed herein exclusive jurisdiction in the Washington National Airport shall be in the United States and the same is hereby accepted by the United States.

This Act shall have no retroactive effect except that taxes and contributions in connection with operations, sales and property on and income derived at the Washington National Airport heretofore paid either to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia are hereby declared to have been paid to the proper jurisdictions and the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia each hereby waives any claim for any such taxes or contributions heretofore assessed or assessable to the extent of any such payments to either jurisdiction.

Any provision of law of the United States or the Commonwealth of Virginia which is to any extent in conflict with this Act is to the extent of such conflict hereby expressly repealed.

SEC. 108. This title shall not become effective unless and until the State of Virginia shall accept the provisions thereof.

Surveys and marks.

Applicability of Criminal Code to designated areas.  
35 Stat. 1142-1145.

"Petty offense."

35 Stat. 1152.

Washington National Airport, jurisdiction.  
D. C. Code § 2-1601 (b).  
Conditions.

Tax on motor fuels, etc.

Limitation.

Service of process.

Control of liquor traffic.

Retroactive effect of Act.

When effective.

## TITLE II—MISCELLANEOUS

Additional Federal  
jurisdiction.

54 Stat. 1083.

SEC. 201. Nothing in this Act shall be construed (a) to prevent the acceptance by the United States pursuant to the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (40 U. S. C., sec. 255), of such jurisdiction as may be granted by the State of Virginia over any lands to which the United States now has, or may hereafter have, title within the boundaries of the State as established by this Act; or (b) to affect any jurisdiction heretofore obtained by the United States from the State of Virginia over lands adjoining or adjacent to those herein ceded; and all jurisdiction whether partial, concurrent, or exclusive, which Virginia has ceded and which the United States has accepted over any part or parts of the ceded total is hereby expressly retained.

SEC. 202. Section 111 of the Judicial Code (46 Stat. 56; U. S. C., title 28, sec. 192), as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Virginia judicial dis-  
tricts.

"The State of Virginia is divided into two districts, to be known as the eastern and western districts of Virginia.

Eastern district.

"The eastern district shall include the territory embraced on the effective date of this Act in the counties of Accomac, Arlington, Amelia, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Dinwiddie, Elizabeth City, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Gloucester, Goochland, Greensville, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, Nansemond, New Kent, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Orange, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Princess Anne, Richmond, Southampton, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Surry, Sussex, Warwick, Westmoreland, and York.

Terms of court.

"Terms of the district court shall be held at Richmond on the first Mondays in April and October; at Norfolk on the first Mondays in May and November; and at Alexandria on the first Mondays in June and December.

Western district.

"The western district shall include the territory embraced on the effective date of this Act in the counties of Alleghany, Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, Clarke, Craig, Cumberland, Dickenson, Floyd, Fluvanna, Franklin, Frederick, Giles, Grayson, Greene, Halifax, Henry, Highland, Lee, Madison, Montgomery, Nelson, Page, Patrick, Pulaski, Pittsylvania, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Russell, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Tazewell, Warren, Washington, Wise, and Wythe.

Terms of court.

"Terms of the district court shall be held at Abingdon on the second Mondays in April and November; at Big Stone Gap on the first Mondays in May and October; at Charlottesville on the first Monday in February and on the Wednesday next after the first Monday in August; at Danville on the fourth Monday in February and on the Wednesday next after the first Monday in September; at Harrisonburg on the third Monday in March and on the fourth Monday in October; at Lynchburg on the first Mondays in June and December; and at Roanoke on the first Mondays in January and July.

Clerk's offices.

"The clerk of the court for the western district shall maintain an office in charge of himself or a deputy at Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Big Stone Gap, and Abingdon, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of the court."

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