

the Secretary of the Interior an application to purchase, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to issue patent to it, for use as a recreational camp for young people, what will be when surveyed by the extension of the rectangular surveys, the fractional southwest quarter of the southwest quarter section 23, township 20 north, range 8 east, Seward meridian, Alaska, containing approximately thirty-five acres.

SEC. 2. The patent shall not be issued until after payment has been made by the Victory Bible Camp Ground, Incorporated, to the Secretary of the Interior for the land at its reasonable appraised price of not less than \$1.25 per acre, to be fixed by the Secretary, and shall not include any land covered by a valid existing right initiated under the public-land laws or found by the Secretary of the Interior to be needed for public purposes. The patent shall reserve to the United States the coal and other mineral deposits in the land together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 55]

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment of a United States commissioner for the Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

Issuance of patent.

Rights reserved.

May 15, 1947  
[H. R. 490]  
[Public Law 52]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon the establishment of the Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 20, 1935 (49 Stat. 393), entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes," the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas shall appoint a commissioner for the said national park. The district court shall prescribe the rules of procedure and practice for the commissioner in the trial of cases and for appeal to the district court. The commissioner shall be paid an annual salary, as appropriated for by the Congress.

Big Bend National Park, Texas.  
Appointment of Commissioner.  
16 U. S. C. §§ 155-158.

Salary.

SEC. 2. The commissioner shall have jurisdiction to issue process in the name of the United States for the arrest of any person charged with a violation of any of the rules and regulations made by the Secretary of the Interior in pursuance of law for the government and protection of the park, or with the commission within the park of a petty offense against the law, and to try the person so charged, who, if found guilty, shall be subject to the punishment prescribed by section 3 of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; U. S. C., title 16, sec. 3), as amended. For the purposes of this Act, the term "petty offense" shall be defined as in section 335 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, sec. 541). In all cases of conviction an appeal shall lie from the judgment of said commissioner to the district court.

Jurisdiction of commissioner.

"Petty offense."

35 Stat. 1152.

SEC. 3. The commissioner shall have power to issue process in the name of the United States for the arrest of any person charged with the commission within said park of any criminal offense not covered by the provisions of section 2 of this Act, and to hear the evidence introduced. If he is of the opinion that probable cause is shown for holding the person so charged for trial, he shall commit such person for further appropriate action, and shall certify a transcript of the record of his proceedings and the testimony in such case to the district court, which court shall have jurisdiction of the case.

Criminal offense.

SEC. 4. All fees, costs, and expenses arising in cases under this Act and properly chargeable to the United States shall be certified,

Fees, costs, expenses, etc.

approved, and paid as are like fees, costs, and expenses in the courts of the United States. All fines, fees, costs, and expenses imposed and collected shall be deposited by the commissioner, or by the marshal of the United States collecting the same, with the clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

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[CHAPTER 56]

AN ACT

May 15, 1947  
[H. R. 492]  
[Public Law 53]

To authorize the juvenile court of the District of Columbia in proper cases to waive jurisdiction in capital offenses and offenses punishable by life imprisonment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 13 of the Act of June 1, 1938, 52 Stat. 599 (11 D. C. Code 914), be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

D. C. juvenile court.  
Waiver of jurisdiction.

“SEC. 13. If a child sixteen years of age or older is charged with an offense which would amount to a felony in the case of an adult, or any child charged with an offense which if committed by an adult is punishable by death or life imprisonment, the judge may, after full investigation, waive jurisdiction and order such child held for trial under the regular procedure of the court which would have jurisdiction of such offense if committed by an adult; or such other court may exercise the powers conferred upon the juvenile court in this Act in conducting and disposing of such cases.”

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 57]

AN ACT

May 15, 1947  
[H. R. 729]  
[Public Law 54]

To provide that the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia shall alone appoint the United States commissioner for the Shenandoah National Park.

Shenandoah National Park.  
Appointment of commissioner.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first sentence of section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to notify the State of Virginia that the United States assumes police jurisdiction over the lands embraced within the Shenandoah National Park, and for other purposes”, approved August 19, 1937 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 16, sec. 403c-5), is amended by striking out “upon the recommendation and approval of the Secretary of the Interior of a qualified candidate”.

50 Stat. 702.

Approved May 15, 1947.

[CHAPTER 58]

AN ACT

May 15, 1947  
[H. R. 1363]  
[Public Law 55]

To amend further the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of section 4 thereof:

56 Stat. 361.  
37 U. S. C. § 104.  
Allowances based on purported marriage.

“Payments of allowances which have been or hereafter may be made under this Act based on a purported marriage and made prior to judicial annulment or termination of such marriage are valid: *Provided,* That it is adjudged or decreed by a court of competent jurisdiction that the marriage was entered into in good faith on the part