

**Executive Documents**

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

**§ 123a. Continuation of existing land districts and offices in Alaska; change of district boundaries, or discontinuance of districts; designation and location of land offices**

Subject to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior by this section, the land districts and land offices existing in Alaska on October 9, 1942 are continued. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and empowered in his discretion to change the boundaries of, or discontinue, any land district in Alaska, and in lieu thereof to designate such land district, or land region, as, in his opinion, is necessary for the transaction of the business relating to the public lands in the Territory and to designate or change the location of any land office for such land district or land region.

(Oct. 9, 1942, ch. 584, § 6, 56 Stat. 779.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 365 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## LAND DISTRICTS AND LAND OFFICES CONTINUED

Provisions of acts Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, § 1, 32 Stat. 20; Mar. 2, 1907, ch. 2537, § 1, 34 Stat. 1232, which constituted former section 365 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions, and were repealed by section 7 of Act Oct. 9, 1942, which enacted this section, read as follows: "There shall be two land districts in Alaska, the boundaries of which shall be designated by the President, to be known as the Nome land district and the Fairbanks land district, with the land offices located, respectively, at Nome, Alaska, and Fairbanks, Alaska, and one other land district and land office, the location of which shall be fixed by the President."

**§ 124. Consolidation of land offices**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate the district land offices where practicable and consistent with the public interests.

(Aug. 5, 1892, ch. 380, § 1, 27 Stat. 368.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## APPROPRIATIONS

Act Mar. 3, 1893, ch. 208, 27 Stat. 591, required the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate the district land offices so as to bring the total compensation of the registers and receivers for the fiscal year 1894, within the appropriation made therefor by the sundry Civil Appropriation Act for that year, which was fixed at \$520,000.

**§ 125. Annexation of discontinued district to adjacent district**

Whenever the cost of collecting the revenue from the sales of the public lands in any land

district is as much as one-third of the whole amount of revenue collected in such district, it may be lawful for the President, if, in his opinion, not incompatible with the public interest, to discontinue the land office in such district, and to annex the same to some other adjoining land district.

(R.S. § 2250.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2250 derived from act Mar. 3, 1853, ch. 97, § 1, 10 Stat. 189, 194.

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## DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation to Secretary of the Interior of authority vested in President by this section, see Ex. Ord. No. 10250, June 5, 1951, 16 F.R. 5385, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

**§ 126. Change of location of land offices**

The President is authorized to change the location of the land offices in the several land districts established by law, and to relocate the same from time to time at such point in the district as he deems expedient.

(R.S. § 2251.)

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## CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2251 derived from acts Mar. 3, 1853, ch. 97, § 1, 10 Stat. 204; Mar. 3, 1853, ch. 144, 10 Stat. 244.

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**§ 127. Change of boundaries of land districts**

The President is authorized to change and reestablish the boundaries of land districts whenever, in his opinion, the public interests will be subserved thereby, without authority to increase the number of land offices or land districts.

(R.S. § 2253.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2253 derived from act June 29, 1870, ch. 171, 16 Stat. 171.

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**§ 128. Division or change of boundaries; continuance of business of original district**

In case of the division of existing land districts by the erection of new ones, or by a