

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 6. That Congress hereby expressly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, February 8, 1897.

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**CHAP. 177.**—An Act To provide an American register for the bark Ceres.

"Ceres," Bark.  
Granted American register and name changed to "Lichtenfels Brothers."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the bark Ceres, built in Maine, recently owned by foreigners, but now owned by citizens of the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States, under the name of Lichtenfels Brothers.

Approved, February 8, 1897.

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**CHAP. 178.**—An Act To constitute a new division of the eastern judicial district of Texas, and to provide for the holding of terms of court at Beaumont, Texas, and for the appointment of a clerk for said court.

Texas eastern judicial district.  
Eastern division constituted.  
Vol. 20, p. 318.  
R. S., sec. 548, p. 92.  
Terms of court, Beaumont.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the counties of Jefferson, Orange, Newton, Jasper, Hardin, Liberty, Tyler, San Augustine, Sabine, Polk, and San Jacinto shall constitute a division of the eastern judicial district of Texas.

SEC. 2. That terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the said eastern district of the State of Texas shall be held twice in each year at the city of Beaumont, on the first Mondays in June and December.

Process, etc.

SEC. 3. That all civil process issued against persons resident in the said counties of Jefferson, Orange, Newton, Jasper, Hardin, Liberty, Tyler, San Augustine, Sabine, Polk, and San Jacinto, and cognizable before the United States courts, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Beaumont; and all prosecutions for offenses committed in either of said counties shall be tried in the appropriate United States court at the city of Beaumont: *Provided,* That no process issued or prosecution commenced or suit instituted before the passage of this Act shall be in any way affected by the provisions hereof.

*Provided,*  
Pending causes, etc.

Deputy clerks, etc.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts for said district shall maintain an office in charge of themselves or a deputy at said city of Beaumont, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of said division.

Repeal.

SEC. 5. That so much of all acts or parts of acts as are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
January 22, 1897.

The President of the United States having returned to the House of Representatives in which it originated the bill (H. R. 9469) "An Act to constitute a new division of the eastern judicial district of Texas, and to provide for the holding of terms of court at Beaumont, Texas, and for the appointment of a clerk for said court," with his objections thereto, the House proceeded in pursuance of the Constitution to reconsider the same; and

*Resolved,* That the said bill pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

Attest:

A. McDOWELL Clerk.