

Offices, clerk for western district.

“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.”

Effective date.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall become effective on July first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Approved, June 13, 1918.

June 14, 1918.
[S. 4151.]

[Public, No. 172.]

CHAP. 101.—An Act To provide for a determination of heirship in cases of deceased members of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma, conferring jurisdiction upon district courts to partition lands belonging to full-blood heirs of allottees of the Five Civilized Tribes, and for other purposes.

Five Civilized Tribes. Determination of heirship of allottees by Oklahoma probate courts conclusive thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a determination of the question of fact as to who are the heirs of any deceased citizen allottee of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians who may die or may have heretofore died, leaving restricted heirs, by the probate court of the State of Oklahoma having jurisdiction to settle the estate of said deceased, conducted in the manner provided by the laws of said State for the determination of heirship in closing up the estates of deceased persons, shall be conclusive of said question: *Provided,* That an appeal may be taken in the manner and to the court provided by law, in cases of appeal in probate matters generally: *Provided further,* That where the time limited by the laws of said State for the institution of administration proceedings has elapsed without their institution, as well as in cases where there exists no lawful ground for the institution of administration proceedings in said courts, a petition may be filed therein having for its object a determination of such heirship and the case shall proceed in all respects as if administration proceedings upon other proper grounds had been regularly begun, but this proviso shall not be construed to reopen the question of the determination of an heirship already ascertained by competent legal authority under existing laws: *Provided further,* That said petition shall be verified, and in all cases arising hereunder service by publication may be had on all unknown heirs, the service to be in accordance with the method of serving nonresident defendants in civil suits in the district courts of said State; and if any person so served by publication does not appear and move to be heard within six months from the date of the final order, he shall be concluded equally with parties personally served or voluntarily appearing.

Provisos. Appeal.

Petitions allowed for determining.

Procedure to follow State practice.

Partition of real estate of full-blood members governed by State laws. Alienation, etc., restriction continued.

Removed when sold under decree, etc.

SEC. 2. That the lands of full-blood members of any of the Five Civilized Tribes are hereby made subject to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, providing for the partition of real estate. Any land allotted in such proceedings to a full-blood Indian, or conveyed to him upon his election to take the same at the appraisement, shall remain subject to all restrictions upon alienation and taxation obtaining prior to such partition. In case of a sale under any decree, or partition, the conveyance thereunder shall operate to relieve the land described of all restrictions of every character.

Approved, June 14, 1918.

June 19, 1918.
[S. 4445.]

[Public, No. 173.]

CHAP. 102.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Marion and Horry Counties, South Carolina, to construct a bridge across Little Peedee River.

Little Peedee River. Marion and Horry Counties, S. C., may bridge, Galivants Ferry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the counties of Marion and Horry and the State highway commission of South Carolina and successors and assigns to

construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Little Peedee River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the site of the present bridge at Galivants Ferry, in the counties of Marion and Horry, in the State of South Carolina, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, June 19, 1918.

CHAP. 103.—An Act To authorize aids to navigation and for other works in the Lighthouse Service, and for other purposes.

June 20, 1918.
[H. R. 11284.]

[Public, No. 174.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to establish, provide, or improve the following aids to navigation and other works in the Lighthouse Service, under the Department of Commerce, in accordance with the respective limits of cost hereinafter respectively set forth, which shall in no case be exceeded:

Aids to navigation.

GENERAL SERVICE.

General service.

Constructing or purchasing and equipping lighthouse tenders and light vessels, to replace vessels worn out in service, in the third, fifth, and eighth lighthouse districts, or for use in the Lighthouse Service generally, \$760,000.

Vessels.

SECOND LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Second district.

The sum of \$15,000 appropriated in "An Act making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and prior fiscal years, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the installation of an electrically operated fog-signal whistle on the east breakwater, Nantucket Harbor, Massachusetts, is hereby made available for the operation of an electrically operated fog bell at said point.

Nantucket, Mass.
Electric fog bell instead of whistle, authorized.
A. n. c., p. 496.

THIRD LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Third district.

Improving the lighting in Ambrose Channel, New York, \$26,000.
Extending and enlarging the machine shop at the general lighthouse depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York, \$30,000.

Ambrose Channel, N. Y.
Tompkinsville, N. Y., depot.

Improving and extending the wharves at the general lighthouse depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York, \$65,000.

FOURTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Fourth district.

Establishing gas buoys and improving aids to navigation in the vicinity of Joe Flogger Shoal, Delaware, \$40,000.

Joe Flogger Shoal, Del.

FIFTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Fifth district.

Enlarging and improving the lighthouse depot at Portsmouth, Virginia, in the fifth lighthouse district, or establishing a new depot, \$275,000.

Portsmouth, Va.
depot.