

False affidavit.

SEC. 2. That if any witness making such proof, or the said applicant making such affidavit or oath, swears falsely as to any material matter contained in said proof, affidavits, or oaths, the said false swearing being willful and corrupt, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as if he had sworn falsely before the register.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

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CHAP. 123.—An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

Pre-emption entries may be changed to homestead entries with benefit of time.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when any person who has made a settlement on the public lands under the pre-emption laws shall change his filing to that for a homestead entry, the time required to perfect his title under the homestead laws shall be computed from the date of his original settlement made under the pre-emption laws.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

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CHAP. 124.—An act to extend for two years the act establishing the Board of Commissioners of Claims and the acts relating thereto.

1871, ch. 116,
16 Stat., 524,
1872, ch. 156,
17 Stat., 97.

Southern claims commission continued.

Proviso.

No evidence to be received after May 10, 1878, except.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth sections of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and the act entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioners of Claims to appoint special commissioners to take testimony, and for other purposes," approved May eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be and the same are hereby, extended and continued in force for two years from the tenth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to extend the time for filing claims before said commission, or to enlarge its jurisdiction, or to authorize the filing of new claims.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of Claims shall not receive any evidence on behalf of any claimant or claimants, for the allowance of any claim or claims unless such evidence shall have been taken, presented and filed by the tenth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, except, in rebuttal of evidence introduced on behalf of the Government, and all claims wherein the evidence of the claimant or claimants, is not filed within the time herein limited, shall be deemed to be barred forever thereafter.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 125.—An act to secure the rights of settlers upon certain railroad-lands, and to repeal the first five sections of an act entitled "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad and its extension to Red River," approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

1866, ch. 241,
14 Stat., 236,
Repealed in part.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections one, two, three, four, and five of the act entitled "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad and its extension to Red River," approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.