

**CHAP. 170.**—An Act To transfer certain counties in the several judicial districts in the State of Arkansas.

March 4, 1915.  
[H. R. 18086.]

[Public, No. 319.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the counties of Desha and Chicot, in the State of Arkansas, be, and the same are hereby, detached from the western division of the eastern district of Arkansas and are hereby annexed to, included in, and made a part of the eastern division of the said eastern district of the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas eastern judicial district.  
Vol. 36, p. 1106, amended.  
Desha and Chicot Counties annexed to eastern division of.

**SEC. 2.** That the county of Yell, in the State of Arkansas, be, and the same is hereby, detached from the Fort Smith division of the western district of Arkansas and is annexed to, included in, and made a part of the western division of the eastern district of the State of Arkansas.

Yell county annexed to western division of.

**SEC. 3.** That this Act shall in no wise affect the jurisdiction as to actions at law or suits in equity now pending, but all actions at law and suits in equity now pending in the respective districts and divisions having jurisdiction thereof at the time of the passage of this Act shall proceed as if this Act had not been passed.

Pending cases not affected.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

**CHAP. 171.**—An Act To repeal penalties on foreign-built vessels owned by Americans.

March 4, 1915.  
[H. R. 18685.]

[Public, No. 320.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of sections forty-two hundred and nineteen and forty-two hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes as imposes tonnage duties of 50 cents per ton and light money of 50 cents per ton on a vessel owned by citizens of the United States but not a vessel of the United States; so much of section four J, subsection one, of the Act of October third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, entitled "An Act to reduce tariff duties and to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes," as imposes a discriminating duty of ten per centum ad valorem on all goods, wares, or merchandise imported in a vessel owned by citizens of the United States but not a vessel of the United States; and so much of section four J, subsection two, of the Act aforesaid as provides for the forfeiture of any vessel owned by citizens of the United States but not a vessel of the United States, together with her cargo, tackle, apparel, and furniture, are hereby repealed. Any such tonnage duties, light money, or discriminating duties collected since the passage of the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall be refunded, and any such forfeitures incurred are hereby remitted: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this Act shall apply only in case that any vessel of the character above described after entering an American port shall, before leaving the same, be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Shipping.  
Foreign-built vessels owned by Americans.  
Tonnage tax, etc., on, repealed.  
R. S. secs. 4219, 4225, pp. 813, 814.

*Ante*, p. 195.  
Discriminating duty.

*Ante*, p. 196.  
Forfeiture.

Refund, etc.

*Proviso.*  
American registry required.

In effect immediately.

**SEC. 2.** That this Act shall take effect immediately.  
Approved, March 4, 1915.

**CHAP. 172.**—An Act To provide for provisional certificates of registry of vessels abroad, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1915.  
[H. R. 18686.]

[Public, No. 321.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That consular officers of the United States and such other persons as may from time to time be designated by the President for the purpose are hereby authorized to issue provisional certificates of registry to vessels abroad which

Certificates of registry.  
Consuls may issue provisional, to vessels bought by citizens.

Vol. 37, p. 562.  
*Ante*, p. 698.

have been purchased by citizens of the United States, including corporations, as defined in section forty-one hundred and thirty-two, Revised Statutes, as amended by the Panama Canal Act and the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Expiration.

(a) Such a provisional certificate shall entitle the vessel to the privileges of a vessel of the United States in trade with foreign countries or with the Philippine Islands and the islands of Guam and Tutuila until the expiration of six months from its date or until ten days after the vessel's arrival at a port of the United States, whichever first happens, and no longer. On arrival at a port of the United States the vessel shall become subject to the laws relating to officers, inspection, and measurement, as amended by the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Officers, inspection,  
 etc.  
*Ante*, p. 698.

Conditions.

(b) The Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe the conditions in accordance with which such provisional certificates shall be issued and the manner in which they shall be surrendered in exchange for certificates of registry at ports of the United States.

Form.

(c) The form of such provisional certificate shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Navigation and shall include the name of the ship and of the master, time and place of purchase and names of purchasers, and the best particulars respecting her tonnage, build, description, and inspection or survey which the consular officer is able to obtain.

Forwarding for filing.

(d) Copies of such provisional certificates shall be forwarded as soon as practicable by the issuing officer to the Commissioner of Navigation.

Repurchase from  
 foreigners.  
 R. S., sec. 4165, p. 803,  
 repealed.  
 Vol. 29, p. 639.

SEC. 2. That section forty-one hundred and sixty-five of the Revised Statutes and section ten of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to amend the laws relating to navigation," are hereby repealed.

In effect in 60 days.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect sixty days after the date of its passage.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

March 4, 1915.  
 [H. R. 18747.]

[Public. No. 322.]

**CHAP. 173.**—An Act To reserve certain lands and to incorporate the same and make them a part of the Pike National Forest.

Pike National For-  
 est, Colo.  
 Lands added to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all lands in the State of Colorado hereinafter described, to wit:

In township four south, range seventy-two west, sixth principal meridian: Section six, section seven;

In township four south, range seventy-three west, sixth principal meridian: Section one, section two, south half section three, section seven, section eight, section nine, section ten, section eleven, section twelve, section thirteen, section fourteen, section fifteen, section sixteen, section seventeen, section eighteen, section nineteen, section twenty, section twenty-one, section twenty-two, section twenty-three, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, west half of the northwest quarter, and west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-four, section twenty-eight, section twenty-nine, north half and southwest quarter section thirty-two, north half section thirty-three;

In township four south, range seventy-four west, sixth principal meridian: East half section twenty-four, east half section twenty-five; total, sixteen thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight and forty-nine one-hundredths acres, more or less—

be, and the same are hereby, reserved, subject to all prior valid adverse rights, and made a part of and included in the Pike National Forest.

Approved, March 4, 1915.

Description.