

estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such States, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such States.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 26, 1939.

Amendment.

[CHAPTER 371]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved June 25, 1910, authorizing establishment of the Postal Savings System.

July 26, 1939
[H. R. 5064]
[Public, No. 229]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act approved June 25, 1910, entitled "An Act to establish postal savings depositories for depositing savings at interest with the security of the Government for repayment thereof, and for other purposes", as amended (U. S. C., title 39, sec. 756), is amended to read as follows:

Postal Savings System.

36 Stat. 815.
39 U. S. C. § 756.

"At least \$1, or a larger amount in multiples thereof, must be deposited before an account is opened with the person depositing the same, and \$1, or multiples thereof, may be deposited after such account has been opened, but the balance to the credit of any one person, upon which interest is payable, shall not exceed \$2,500, exclusive of accumulated interest, and non-interest-paying deposits shall not be accepted.

Minimum amount of deposit before account opened; thereafter.

Maximum amount.

"In order that smaller amounts may be accumulated for deposit any person may purchase from any postal-savings depository specially prepared adhesive stamps to be known as 'postal-savings stamps' and attach them to a card which shall be furnished for that purpose. A card with postal-savings stamps affixed shall be accepted as a deposit of equivalent value in sums of \$1 or multiples thereof either in opening an account or in adding to an existing account or may be redeemed in cash. It is hereby made the duty of the Postmaster General to prepare such postal-savings cards and postal-savings stamps of such denominations as he may prescribe and to keep them on sale at every postal-savings depository office and at such other offices as he may designate and to make all necessary rules and regulations for the issue, sale, and cancelation thereof."

Special adhesive stamps and cards for smaller amounts.

Preparation and sale.

Approved, July 26, 1939.

[CHAPTER 372]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge over Lake Sabine at or near Port Arthur, Texas, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 1008), and for other purposes.

July 26, 1939
[H. R. 5525]
[Public, No. 230]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge over Lake Sabine at or near Port Arthur, Texas, authorized to be built by the city of Port Arthur, Texas, or the Port Arthur Bridge Commission and its successors, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 1008), and heretofore amended and extended by Acts of Congress, approved April 10, 1936, August 12, 1937, and June 14, 1938, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from August 12, 1939.

Lake Sabine. Time extended for bridging, at Port Arthur, Tex.

48 Stat. 1008; 49 Stat. 1196; 50 Stat. 630; 52 Stat. 680.

48 Stat. 1009.

SEC. 2. The said Act approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 1008), as heretofore amended and extended, is further amended as follows:

(a) The second sentence of section 4 of said Act is amended to read, "After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls."

(b) Section 5 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. There is hereby created a body corporate and politic to be known as the 'Port Arthur Bridge Commission' which shall have and possess all powers necessary, convenient, or proper for carrying into effect the objects stated in this Act, as amended."

(c) Section 6 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. The Commission shall consist of Fred L. Bachert, Frank J. Imhoff, Henry J. LeBlanc, C. W. Loeb, B. T. McWhorter, Junior, Benson Vincent, and W. E. Holbrook.

"Each member of the Commission shall qualify within thirty days after the approval of this amendatory Act by filing in the office of the Federal Works Administrator an oath that he will faithfully perform the duties imposed upon him by this Act, as amended, and each person hereafter appointed to fill a vacancy shall qualify in like manner within thirty days after his appointment. Any vacancy occurring in said Commission by reason of failure to qualify as above provided, or by reason of death, expiration of term, or resignation, shall be filled by the Federal Works Administrator. The Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from its members, may employ a secretary, treasurer, engineers, attorneys, experts, and fix their compensation, and may establish rules and regulations for the government of its own business. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Before the issuance of bonds as herein provided, each member of the Commission shall give such bond as may be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Roads of the Federal Works Agency, conditioned upon the faithful performance of all duties required by this Act, as amended. Each member of the Commission shall serve for a term of five years and until his successor has been appointed and has qualified as herein provided, except that the initial terms of the above-named members shall be, respectively, in the order above named, one, one, two, three, four, one, and five years. No member shall receive a salary for his services as a member, but each member shall be paid his actual expenses not exceeding \$10 per day in the performance of his duties hereunder. All salaries and expenses shall be paid solely from funds provided under the authority of this Act, as amended."

(d) The portion of section 9 of said Act which reads as follows: "then the bridge shall continue to be owned, maintained, operated, insured, and repaired by the commission, and the rates of tolls shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, insurance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management, including reasonable reserves, until such time as the Texas interests or the Louisiana interests, or both, shall be authorized to accept and shall accept such conveyance under the conditions aforesaid.", is amended so as to read as follows: "then the bridge shall continue to be owned, maintained, operated, insured, and repaired by the Commission as a free bridge until such time as the Texas interests or the Louisiana interests, or both, shall be authorized to accept and shall accept such conveyance under the conditions aforesaid."

Maintenance as free bridge after amortization provided.

"Port Arthur Bridge Commission," creation, powers, etc.

Designated personnel of Commission.

Members to qualify within 30 days; vacancies, etc.

Organization, powers, etc.

Members' bonds.

Term of office.

No salary; expense allowance.

48 Stat. 1012.

Conditional ownership, maintenance, etc., by Commission, as free bridge until acceptance by State interests.

SEC. 3. The Commission created by section 2 (b) and (c) of this amendatory Act, when its members have qualified as provided, shall be deemed the successor commission to any commission heretofore operating and functioning pursuant to the provisions of the said Act approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 1008), as heretofore amended and extended.

Succession of Commission.

48 Stat. 1008.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, July 26, 1939.

[CHAPTER 373]

AN ACT

To authorize the acquisition of additional land for military purposes.

July 26, 1939

[H. R. 5735]

[Public, No. 231]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to acquire, in such order or priority as he may determine, title to additional land, or interest therein, or right pertaining thereto, to the extent of the approximate areas hereinafter set forth, for the establishment, enlargement, and essential improvement of the following military reservations, posts, and facilities:

Military reservations. Acquisition of additional land at designated, authorized.

Fort Ethan Allen Artillery Range, Vermont, four thousand four hundred and fifty-one acres, more or less.

Fort Ethan Allen Artillery Range, Vt.

Antiaircraft Firing Range, Mohave Desert, north of Barstow and Baker, California, seven hundred and forty-nine thousand four hundred and forty acres, more or less.

Antiaircraft Firing Range, Mohave Desert, Calif.

Fort Bliss, Texas, fifty-one thousand three hundred acres, more or less.

Fort Bliss, Tex.

Fort Devens, Massachusetts, six thousand four hundred and forty-eight acres, more or less.

Fort Devens, Mass.

Fort Dix, New Jersey, one thousand seven hundred and fifty acres, more or less.

Fort Dix, N. J.

Fort Knox, Kentucky, fifty-one thousand three hundred and forty-two acres, more or less.

Fort Knox, Ky.

Leon Springs, Texas, thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty-three acres, more or less.

Leon Springs, Tex.

Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, one thousand acres, more or less.

Camp McCoy, Wis.

Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, ten thousand acres, more or less.

Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Pine Camp, New York, one thousand six hundred and seventy acres, more or less.

Pine Camp, N. Y.

Seventh Corps Area Training Center, south central Iowa, forty thousand acres, more or less.

Seventh Corps Area Training Center, Ia.

Fort Meade, South Dakota, seven thousand six hundred and eighty acres, more or less.

Fort Meade, S. Dak.

Fort Lewis, Washington, two thousand eight hundred and thirty acres, more or less.

Fort Lewis, Wash.

Maxwell Field, Alabama, one hundred acres, more or less.

Maxwell Field, Ala.

SEC. 2. In order to accomplish the purposes of this Act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, the sum of \$5,000,000, approximately one-half of which is authorized to be appropriated in each of the fiscal years 1941 and 1942.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved, July 26, 1939.