

[CHAPTER 553]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain of the public lands to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the extraction of sodium chloride for water-conditioning purposes.

July 8, 1940  
[H. R. 6831]  
[Public, No. 731]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as amended, and notwithstanding any limitations contained therein with respect to the leasing of public mineral lands to municipalities, to lease to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California public lands containing deposits of sodium solely for the extraction therefrom of sodium chloride for water-conditioning purposes: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed to empower the said district to produce sodium chloride or any other valuable deposit in said lands for commercial purposes. The use of such lands may be acquired by the said district either through the filing and issuance of prospecting permits or leases or through the assignment to it by qualified holders of such permits or leases.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.  
Leasing of public lands to.

30 U. S. C. § 22, etc.;  
Supp. V.

*Proviso.*  
Restriction on commercial production of sodium chloride, etc.

SEC. 2. The leases authorized by section 1 shall be granted upon the condition that if such lands or deposits are used for purposes other than as authorized by this Act, or upon the exhaustion of the deposits of sodium chloride in such lands, the permits or leases may be canceled by the Secretary of the Interior.

Cancellation of leases, etc.

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[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

To provide for the leasing of restricted allotments of deceased Indians in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

July 8, 1940  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That restricted allotments of deceased Indians may be leased, except for oil and gas mining purposes, by the superintendents of the reservation within which the lands are located (1) when the heirs or devisees of such decedents have not been determined and (2) when the heirs or devisees of the decedents have been determined, and such lands are not in use by any of the heirs and the heirs have not been able during a three-months' period to agree upon a lease by reason of the number of the heirs, their absence from the reservation, or for other cause, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. The proceeds derived from such leases shall be credited to the estates or other accounts of the individuals entitled thereto in accordance with their respective interests.

Leasing of restricted allotments of deceased Indians; exception.

Conditions.

Crediting of proceeds.

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