

shall possess the same powers, perform the same duties, and receive the same compensation and allowance as the present judge of said district: *Provided*, That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge in said district shall not be filled: *Provided further*, That unless the President shall submit a nomination to the Senate or make a recess appointment to fill the office hereby created within ninety days after the effective date of this Act, then in that event this Act shall be of no force and effect.

Approved July 24, 1946.

Time limitation.

[CHAPTER 603]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer a vessel to the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated.

July 24, 1946  
[S. 2291]  
[Public Law 531]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated, a nonprofit scientific corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, for use in a projected scientific expedition to the Antarctic one naval vessel and related and necessary equipment on such terms and subject to such conditions as are deemed appropriate by the Secretary: *Provided, however*, That such transfer shall be for purposes of carrying out the projected Antarctic expedition only, and that prior to the transfer the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated, deposits with the Secretary a bond with good and sufficient sureties to guarantee payment to the United States Government of such charge as is determined by the Secretary as is reasonable for the use of the vessel and to reimburse the United States in the event of the loss of the vessel or its return to the Navy in a damaged condition.

American Antarctic Association, Inc.  
Transfer of naval vessel.

Deposit of bond, etc.

SEC. 2. The vessel transferred to the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated, under this Act shall be returned to the Navy if the projected scientific expedition has not departed from the continental United States within six months after the date of the transfer of the vessel and, subject to unforeseen circumstances, shall be returned to the Navy at a port within the continental United States no later than July 1, 1948.

Return of vessel.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 604]

AN ACT

To authorize revisions in the boundary of the Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

July 24, 1946  
[H. R. 3533]  
[Public Law 532]

*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 to withdraw from the Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pennsylvania, all or any part of the lands added to the Hopewell Village National Historic Site by the Act approved June 6, 1942, entitled "An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects, and for other purposes", which in his opinion are not required for historic-site purposes. Any lands so withdrawn shall revert to the status of a recreational demonstration area.

Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pa.  
Withdrawal of lands.

56 Stat. 326.  
16 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, §§ 459r-459t.

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