

of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed and channel of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said location and plans of the bridges hereby authorized to be constructed are approved by the Secretary of War, the said bridges shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of either of such bridges during the progress of construction thereof, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and in case of any litigation arising from the obstruction or alleged obstruction caused by said bridges, or either of them, to the free navigation of said river, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in whose jurisdiction any portion of the bridge is located.

Litigation.

SEC. 3. That the bridges authorized to be constructed under this act shall be lawful structures, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for through railway passengers or freight passing over said bridges, than the rate per mile for their transmission over the railroads leading to said bridges; and equal privileges in the use of said bridges shall be granted to all telegraph companies; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridges and their approaches for postal-telegraph purposes.

Lawful structures and post-routes.

Postal telegraph.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Other companies may use.

Secretary of War to decide terms.

Amendment.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act, so as to prevent or remove all material and substantial obstructions to the navigation of said rivers by the construction of the said bridges, is hereby expressly reserved; and any alterations or changes that may be required by Congress in the bridges constructed under this act shall be made by the corporation owning or controlling the same at its own expense; and if either of said bridges shall not be commenced in one year and be finished within three years from the passage of this act, the rights and privileges hereby granted as to such bridge shall be null and void.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, July 9, 1888.

**CHAP. 595.**—An act to incorporate the Reform School for Girls of the District of Columbia.

July 9, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Samuel S. Shellabarger, Augustus S. Worthington, Adoniram J. Huntington, William C. Dodge, Mills Dean, Owen G. Staples, James E. Fitch, Thomas P. Morgan, and Alexander Graham Bell, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, created a body corporate to be known as the Board of Trustees of the Girl's Reform School of the District of Columbia.*

Reform School for Girls, District of Columbia.  
Incorporators.

SEC. 2. That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a reform school for girls at any place within the District of Columbia, subject to the approval of the Commissioners thereof, and for that purpose may take and receive by gift, grant, or devise, such real estate and personal property as may be necessary

May hold property.

*Proviso.*  
Dissolution.

for the purposes of said corporation: *Provided*, That at the dissolution of said corporation, or if it should cease for the space of six months to maintain a reform school for girls, all the property, real and personal, of said corporation shall vest in the United States.

Authority.

SEC. 3. That the said board of trustees shall have the same power and authority in relation to girls as the board of trustees of the Reform School of the District of Columbia now possess in relation to boys.

Officers.

SEC. 4. That said board of trustees shall have authority to appoint such officers, agents, teachers, and other employees as may be necessary, and fix the rate of compensation of the same, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

By-laws.

SEC. 5. That the said board of trustees shall have authority to make such by-laws and rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the government of the officers, teachers, employees, and inmates of the school, and from time to time alter, amend, and change the same.

Reform School laws  
made applicable.  
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SEC. 6. That all the sections of the act of May third, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act revising and amending the various acts establishing and relating to the Reform School of the District of Columbia," not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby made applicable to the Reform School for Girls of the District of Columbia, except the word "girls" shall be understood wherever the word "boys" occur in said act, and the words "eighteen years" wherever the words "sixteen years" occur.

Organizing.

SEC. 7. That within thirty days after this act is passed said trustees shall meet and organize by electing a president; and they shall draw lots and decide the length of service of said trustees. Three of said trustees shall serve for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and their successors in office shall be appointed in like manner as the trustees of the Reform School of the District of Columbia are now appointed.

Amendment.

SEC. 8. That Congress shall have the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time.

Approved, July 9, 1888.

July 9, 1888.

**CHAP. 596.**—An act for the completion of a public building at Wichita, Kansas.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the additional sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the completion of a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office, United States courts, and other Government offices, at the city of Wichita, State of Kansas, to be expended by the Secretary of the Treasury, subject to the requirements of an act for that purpose approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The limit of cost prescribed in said act is hereby extended as aforesaid, and no plan shall be approved which will involve an expenditure for site and building complete, including approaches, greater than the limit herein fixed.

Approved, July 9, 1888.

Wichita, Kans.  
Public building.  
Appropriation to  
complete.

July 9, 1888.

**CHAP. 597.**—An act relating to the record of wills in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the record of any will or codicil heretofore or hereafter recorded in the office of the register of wills of the District of Columbia, which shall have been admitted to probate by the supreme court of the District of Columbia, or by the late orphans' Court of said District, or the record of the transcript of the record and probate of any will or codicil

Record of wills to be  
prima facie evidence  
of contents, District of  
Columbia.