

CHAP. 1018.—An Act To authorize the court of county commissioners of Geneva County, Alabama, to construct a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, in Geneva County, Alabama.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 168.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the court of county commissioners of Geneva County, in the State of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream, at or near the Martin Ferry, in said county of Geneva in said State.

Choctawhatchee River, Ala. Geneva County may bridge at Martin Ferry.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said court of county commissioners shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridge and maps of the location, and until the said plans and location are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in said bridge, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 3. That the said bridge shall be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other craft through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Unobstructed navigation.

Lights, etc. Changes.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Time of construction.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

CHAP. 1019.—An Act To effectuate the provisions of the additional act of the international convention for the protection of industrial property.

March 3, 1903.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-eight hundred and eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes is amended by changing the word "seven" to "twelve," and by inserting after the word "months" the words "in cases within the provisions of section forty-eight hundred and eighty-six of the Revised Statutes, and four months, in cases of designs," and by adding the following words: "An application for patent for an invention or discovery or for a design filed in this country by any person who has previously regularly filed an application for a patent for the same invention, discovery, or design in a foreign country which, by treaty, convention, or law, affords similar privileges to citizens of the United States shall have the same force and effect as the same application would have if filed in this country on the date on which the application for patent for the same invention, discovery, or design was first filed in such foreign country, provided the application in this country is filed within twelve months in cases within the provisions of section forty-eight hundred and eighty-six of the Revised Statutes, and within four months in cases of designs, from the earliest date on which any such foreign application was filed. But no patent shall be granted on an application for patent for an invention or discovery or a design which had been patented or described in a

Patent law amendments. Patents for inventions patented abroad. R.S., sec. 4887, p. 946, amended. Vol. 29, p. 668.