

April 28, 1904.  
[H. R. 14588.]

[Public, No. 230.]

Red River, La.  
Shreveport Bridge  
and Terminal Compa-  
ny may bridge.  
Act revived.  
Vol. 32, p. 181.

**CHAP. 1798.**—An Act To revive and amend an Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Shreveport Bridge and Terminal Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Red River, in the State of Louisiana, at or near Shreveport.”

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of Congress approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled “An Act to authorize the Shreveport Bridge and Terminal Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Red River, in the State of Louisiana, at or near Shreveport,” which Act has expired by limitation, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted.

SEC. 2. That section ten of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four.”

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Time for construc-  
tion extended.  
Vol. 32, p. 183,  
amended.

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Choctawhatchee  
River, Ala.  
Houston and Dale  
counties may bridge  
at Trawicks Landing.

**CHAP. 1799.**—An Act To authorize the courts of county commissioners of Houston and Dale counties, Alabama, to construct a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River between Houston and Dale counties, Alabama.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the courts of county commissioners of Houston and Dale counties, in the State of Alabama, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, at or near Trawicks Landing, between said counties of Houston and Dale in said State.

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 courts 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.

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.

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.

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

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Secretary of War to  
approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

Time of construc-  
tion.

Amendment.

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United States courts.  
Iowa southern judi-  
cial district.  
Davenport division  
created.  
R. S. sec. 537, p. 90,  
amended.  
Vol. 22, p. 172.

**CHAP. 1800.**—An Act To create a new division of the southern judicial district of Iowa, and to provide for terms of court at Davenport, Iowa, and for a clerk for said court, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the counties of Scott, Muscatine, Washington, and Keokuk shall constitute a division of the southern judicial district of Iowa, to be known as the Davenport division of said court.

SEC. 2. That terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the said southern district of Iowa shall be held twice in each year at the city of Davenport, Iowa, and that until otherwise provided by law the judges of said courts shall fix the times at which said courts shall be held at Davenport, of which they shall make publication and give due notice.

Terms at Davenport.

SEC. 3. That all civil process issued against persons resident in the said counties of Scott, Muscatine, Washington, and Keokuk, and cognizable before the United States courts, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Davenport, Iowa, and all prosecutions for offenses committed in any of said counties shall be tried in the appropriate United States courts at the city of Davenport, Iowa: *Provided*, That no process issued or prosecution commenced or suit instituted before the passage of this Act shall be in any way affected by the provisions hereof.

Return of process, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Pending causes.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts of said district shall maintain an office, in charge of themselves or a deputy, at the said city of Davenport, Iowa, for the transaction of the business of said division.

Clerks.

Suitable quarters for the maintenance of said clerk's office and for holding said court shall be furnished without expense to the United States.

Quarters.

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**CHAP. 1801.**—An Act To amend the homestead laws as to certain unappropriated and unreserved lands in Nebraska.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after sixty days after the approval of this Act entries made under the homestead laws in the State of Nebraska west and north of the following line, to wit: Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the States of South Dakota and Nebraska where the first guide meridian west of the sixth principal meridian strikes said boundary; thence running south along said guide meridian to its intersection with the fourth standard parallel north of the base line between the States of Nebraska and Kansas; thence west along said fourth standard parallel to its intersection with the second guide meridian west of the sixth principal meridian; thence south along said second guide meridian to its intersection with the third standard parallel north of the said base line; thence west along said third standard parallel to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west of the sixth principal meridian; thence south along said line to its intersection with the second standard parallel north of the said base line; thence west on said standard parallel to its intersection with the range line between ranges thirty and thirty-one west; thence south along said line to its intersection with the boundary line between the States of Nebraska and Kansas, shall not exceed in area six hundred and forty acres, and shall be as nearly compact in form as possible, and in no event over two miles in extreme length: *Provided*, That there shall be excluded from the provisions of this Act such lands within the territory herein described as in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior it may be reasonably practicable to irrigate under the national irrigation law, or by private enterprise; and that said Secretary shall, prior to the date above mentioned, designate and exclude from entry under this Act the lands, particularly along the North Platte River, which in his opinion it may be possible to irrigate as aforesaid; and shall thereafter, from time to time, open to entry under this Act any of the

Public lands.  
Nebraska.  
Homestead entries for 640 acres allowed on certain arid lands.  
Location.

*Proviso.*  
Irrigable lands excluded.

Designation of exclusion.