

January 24, 1905.
[H. R. 11584.]

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Wichita Forest Reserve, Okla.
Breeding place for game animals, etc., in.

Killing, etc., unlawful.

Penalty.

Local game laws not affected.

CHAP. 137.—An Act For the protection of wild animals and birds in the Wichita Forest Reserve.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to designate such areas in the Wichita Forest Reserve as should, in his opinion, be set aside for the protection of game animals and birds and be recognized as a breeding place therefor.

SEC. 2. That when such areas have been designated as provided for in section one of this Act, hunting, trapping, killing, or capturing of game animals and birds upon the lands of the United States within the limits of said areas shall be unlawful, except under such regulations as may be prescribed from time to time, by the Secretary of Agriculture; and any person violating such regulations or the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction in any United States court of competent jurisdiction, be fined in a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for a period not exceeding one year, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. That it is the purpose of this Act to protect from trespass the public lands of the United States and the game animals and birds which may be thereon, and not to interfere with the operation of the local game laws as affecting private, State or Territorial lands.

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Red River of the North, Minn.
Minneapolis, Saint Paul and Sault Sainte Marie Railway Company may bridge.

Railway bridge.
Location.

Provisos.
Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Litigation.

CHAP. 138. An Act Permitting the building of a railroad bridge across the Red River of the North from a point on section six, township one hundred and fifty-four north, range fifty west, Marshall County, Minnesota, to a point on section thirty-six, township one hundred and fifty-five north, range fifty-one west, Walsh County, North Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Minneapolis, Saint Paul and Sault Sainte Marie Railway Company, a railway corporation organized under the laws of the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota, its successors or assigns, to build a railway bridge across the Red River of the North, suitable to the interests of navigation, from a point on section six, township one hundred and fifty-four north, range fifty west, Marshall County, Minnesota, to a point on section thirty-six, township one hundred and fifty-five north, range fifty-one west, Walsh County, North Dakota: *Provided,* That drawings showing the plans and location of said bridge and appurtenant works shall be submitted to the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War for approval, and until approved by them the construction of such bridge shall not be commenced: *And provided further,* That said Minneapolis, Saint Paul and Sault Sainte Marie Railway Company, its successors or assigns, shall not deviate from such plans after such approval, either before or after the completion of the said bridge, unless the modification of said plans shall have previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and of the Secretary of War; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by said company at its own expense.

SEC. 2. That in case any litigation arises from the building of said bridge or from the obstruction of said river by said bridge, cases may be tried in the proper courts, as now provided for that purpose in the States of Minnesota and North Dakota and in the courts of the United

States: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt said bridge from the operation of same.

Proviso.
Existing laws not affected.

SEC. 3. 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 over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of disagreement between the parties in regard to the compensation to be paid or the conditions to be observed all matters at issue shall be determined by the Secretary of War.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 4. That any bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission of mails and the troops and munitions of war of the United States over the same than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or approaches leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Lawful structure and post route.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void unless the bridge herein authorized be commenced within one year and completed within two years from the date of approval of this Act.

Time of construction.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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CHAP. 139. An Act To authorize the county of Sunflower to construct a bridge across the Sunflower River, Mississippi.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Sunflower, one of the counties of the State of Mississippi, duly created and organized under and by virtue of the laws of the said State, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, construct, and maintain a bridge, by and through its proper officers, over the Sunflower River, near Vicks Landing, in the County of Sunflower, State of Mississippi, at the point on said river where a public road from Indianola, Mississippi, to Inverness, Mississippi, will cross the said river: *Provided*, That the plans and location of the said bridge are approved by the Secretary of War before the construction of the bridge is commenced. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, under such rules and regulations as may be laid down by the proper officers of said county under the laws of the said State of Mississippi.

Sunflower River.
Sunflower County,
Miss., may bridge.

Location.

Proviso.
Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.
Wagon and foot bridge.

SEC. 2. That the bridge shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads of the United States, and no charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States. Equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes; and any changes in the said bridge which the Secretary of War may require in the interest of navigation shall be made by the person or corporation owning or operating the same at their own expense.

Lawful structure and post route.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Changes.