

shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, designs and drawings of the bridges, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of said rivers, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of said streams, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and locations of the bridges are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plans of said bridges during the progress of construction, or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and said bridges shall be changed at the cost of the owners thereof, from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said rivers.

Changes.

Amendment.

Time of construction.

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

SEC. 7. That this Act shall be null and void unless the construction of said bridges hereby authorized shall be commenced within three years and be completed within five years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905.  
[S. 7012.]

[Public, No. 224.]

**CHAP. 1491.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of roads, the establishment and maintenance of schools, and the care and support of insane persons in the district of Alaska, and for other purposes.”

Alaska.  
Roads, schools, etc.  
*Ante*, p. 617.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four of “An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of roads, the establishment and maintenance of schools, and the care and support of insane persons in the district of Alaska, and for other purposes,” approved January twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it shall read as follows:

School districts in incorporated towns to be established by common council.

“SEC. 4. That the common council of the incorporated towns in said district shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, in their respective towns to establish school districts, to provide the same with suitable schoolhouses, and to maintain public schools therein and to provide the necessary funds for the schools; but such schools when established shall be under the supervision and control of a school board of three members, consisting of a director, a treasurer, and a clerk, to be elected annually by the vote of all adults who are citizens of the United States or who have declared their intention to become such and who are residents of the school district. The members of said board first elected shall hold their offices for the term of one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and one member of such board shall be elected each year thereafter and shall hold his office for a period of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified; and they shall each, before entering upon the duties of their office, take an oath in writing to honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of their trust. In case a vacancy in the membership of said board occurs from death, resignation, removal, or other cause, such vacancy may be filled by a special election, upon ten days’ notice, called by the remaining members of the board upon the petition of five qualified voters. All money available for school purposes, except for the construction and equipment of schoolhouses and the acquisition of sites for the same, shall be expended under the direction of said board, and the treasurer

School board.

Term of office.  
One-year term added.  
*Ante*, p. 617.

Vacancies.

Expenditures of school fund.

of said board shall be the custodian of said money, and he shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond, with sufficient sureties, to the school district, in such sum as the common council may direct, and subject to its approval, but not less than twice the amount that may come into his hands as treasurer, conditioned that he will honestly and faithfully disburse and account for all money that may come into his hands as such treasurer. The said board shall have the power to hire and employ the necessary teachers, to provide for heating and lighting the schoolhouse, and in general to do and perform everything necessary for the due maintenance of a proper school."

Bond.

Teachers.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

**CHAP. 1492.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept the torpedo boats Stringham and Goldsborough.

March 3, 1905.  
[S. 7042.]

[Public, No. 225.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to waive the statutory speed requirement of thirty knots an hour for the torpedo boats Stringham and Goldsborough, authorized and contracted for under the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; to accept said vessels, after such trial as he may prescribe, and to make final settlement therefor under the contracts for their construction, subject to such deductions from the contract prices as may in his judgment be proper, if any, on account of speed failure, giving due consideration to the losses incurred by the contractors in endeavoring to fulfill their obligations where said losses were due to changes of modifications of plans or specifications ordered by the Department.

Navy.  
Torpedo boats  
"Stringham" and  
"Goldsborough" may  
be accepted.  
Vol. 29, p. 378.

Deductions for speed  
failure.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

**CHAP. 1493.**—An Act To transfer Ensign Creighton Churchill from the retired to the active list of the Navy.

March 3, 1905.  
[H. R. 6826.]

[Public, No. 226.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to restore Creighton Churchill, now an ensign on the retired list, to the active list of the Navy: *Provided,* That the said Churchill shall, upon examination in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, before an examining board composed of five members, of whom three shall be line officers his senior in rank and the remaining two medical members, satisfactorily establish his mental, moral, professional, and physical fitness to perform active service, the place to which he shall be restored to be determined by the Secretary of the Navy after recommendation with regard thereto by said board: *And provided further,* That the said Churchill shall be carried as additional to the number of the grade to which he may be restored or at any time thereafter promoted.

Navy.  
Creighton Churchill  
restored to active list.

Proviso.  
Examination re-  
quired.

Promotions.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

**CHAP. 1494.**—An Act Authorizing the appointment of certain midshipmen in the United States Navy.

March 3, 1905.  
[H. R. 12273.]

[Public, No. 227.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to appoint to the naval service the three midshipmen of the then first class who were

Naval Academy.  
Restoration of dis-  
missed midshipmen.