

That nothing contained herein shall be construed to extend the operation of any law which provides for the extinguishing of claims or contracts by limitation of time.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have a constitution and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That such constitution or amendments thereof do not conflict with the laws of the United States or of any State.

SEC. 5. That said corporation may provide for meetings of its legislative or governing body wherever such association shall have subordinate bodies, and all business transacted at such meetings shall be valid in all respects as if such meetings were held within said District.

SEC. 6. That the general offices of said corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or in any State where the secretary of the corporation may reside.

SEC. 7. That said corporation shall not engage in any business for gain, the purposes of said corporation being fraternal and benevolent.

SEC. 8. That Congress may at any time amend, alter, or repeal this Act.

Approved, February 25, 1909.

CHAP. 191.—An Act To declare and enforce the forfeiture provided by section four of the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each and every grant of right of way and station grounds heretofore made to any railroad corporation under the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States," where such railroad has not been constructed and the period of five years next following the location of said road, or any section thereof, has now expired, shall be, and hereby is, declared forfeited to the United States, to the extent of any portion of such located line now remaining unconstructed, and the United States hereby resumes the full title to the lands covered thereby free and discharged from such easement, and the forfeiture hereby declared shall, without need of further assurance or conveyance, inure to the benefit of any owner or owners of land heretofore conveyed by the United States subject to any such grant of right of way or station grounds: *Provided*, That no right of way on which construction is progressing in good faith at the time of the passage of this Act shall be in any wise affected, validated or invalidated, by the provisions of this Act.

Approved, February 25, 1909.

CHAP. 192.—An Act Amending chapter five hundred and ninety-one of the United States Statutes at Large, Fifty-sixth Congress, approved May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred, entitled "An Act to provide for the holding of a term of the circuit and district courts of the United States at Superior, Wisconsin."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter five hundred and ninety-one of the United States Statutes at Large, approved May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That two terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Wisconsin shall be held annually at the city of Superior, one term beginning on the fourth Tuesday

Constitution.
Proviso.
Restriction.

Meetings.

Offices.

Business for gain prohibited.

Amendment.

February 25, 1909.
[H. R. 24883.]
[Public, No. 260.]

Public lands.
Forfeiture of certain railroad rights of way, etc., through.
Vol. 18, p. 483.

Prior rights restored.

Proviso.
Exception.

February 25, 1909.
[H. R. 27311.]
[Public, No. 261.]

Wisconsin western judicial district.
Vol. 31, p. 219, amended.

Terms at Superior.