

CHAP. 368.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to provide for the final disposition of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes,” approved April twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and six (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page one hundred and thirty-seven).

August 24, 1912.
[S. 4758.]
[Public, No. 315.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell, upon such terms and conditions, under such regulations, and in such tracts as he shall deem advisable, the land and timber, together or separately, reserved from allotment under the provisions of section seven of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the final disposition of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes,” approved April twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and six (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page one hundred and thirty-seven).

Oklahoma.
Sale of reserved
Choctaw lands, etc.,
in, authorized.

Vol. 34, p. 139.

Approved, August 24, 1912.

CHAP. 369.—An Act To amend section two of an Act to authorize the President of the United States to make withdrawals of public lands in certain cases, approved June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten.

August 24, 1912.
[S. 5679.]
[Public, No. 316.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of the Act of Congress approved June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, page eight hundred and forty-seven), be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Public lands.
Withdrawals for
specified purposes.
Vol. 36, p. 847.

“SEC. 2. That all lands withdrawn under the provisions of this Act shall at all times be open to exploration, discovery, occupation, and purchase under the mining laws of the United States, so far as the same apply to metalliferous minerals: *Provided*, That the rights of any person who, at the date of any order of withdrawal heretofore or hereafter made, is a bona fide occupant or claimant of oil or gas bearing lands and who, at such date, is in the diligent prosecution of work leading to the discovery of oil or gas, shall not be affected or impaired by such order so long as such occupant or claimant shall continue in diligent prosecution of said work: *Provided further*, That this Act shall not be construed as a recognition, abridgment, or enlargement of any asserted rights or claims initiated upon any oil or gas bearing lands after any withdrawal of such lands made prior to June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten: *And provided further*, That there shall be excepted from the force and effect of any withdrawal made under the provisions of this Act all lands which are, on the date of such withdrawal, embraced in any lawful homestead or desert-land entry theretofore made, or upon which any valid settlement has been made and is at said date being maintained and perfected pursuant to law; but the terms of this proviso shall not continue to apply to any particular tract of land unless the entryman or settler shall continue to comply with the law under which the entry or settlement was made: *And provided further*, That hereafter no forest reserve shall be created, nor shall any additions be made to one heretofore created, within the limits of the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, or Wyoming, except by Act of Congress.”

Mining rights con-
tinued.

Proviso.
Rights of bona fide
oil or gas claimants.

Status of prior
claims.

Homestead, etc., en-
tries not affected.

Creation of forest
reserves restricted.
Vol. 34, p. 1271.

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CHAP. 370.—An Act To make uniform charges for furnishing copies of records of the Department of the Interior and of its several bureaus.

August 24, 1912.
[S. 7157]
[Public, No. 317.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, the head of any bureau, office, or institution, or any officer

Interior Department.
Copies of records to
be furnished.

Schedule of fees.	<p>of that department, may, when not prejudicial to the interests of the Government, furnish authenticated or unauthenticated copies of any official books, records, papers, documents, maps, plats, or diagrams within his custody, and charge therefor the following fees: For all written copies, at the rate of fifteen cents for each hundred words therein; for each photolithographic copy, twenty-five cents where such copies are authorized by law; for photographic copies, fifteen cents for each sheet; and for tracings or blue prints the cost of the production thereof to be determined by the officer furnishing such copies, and in addition to these fees the sum of twenty-five cents shall be charged for each certificate of verification and the seal attached to authenticated copies: <i>Provided</i>, That there shall be no charge for the making or verification of copies required for official use by the officers of any branch of the Government: <i>Provided further</i>, That only a charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for furnishing authenticated copies of any rules, regulations, or instructions printed by the Government for gratuitous distribution.</p>
Verification.	<p>SEC. 2. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or restrict in any manner the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe such rules and regulations as he may deem proper governing the inspection of the records of said department and its various bureaus by the general public, and any person having any particular interest in any of such records may be permitted to take copies of such records under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.</p>
Fees. No charge for official use.	<p>SEC. 3. That all authenticated copies furnished under this Act shall be admitted in evidence equally with the originals thereof.</p>
Authenticated copies of printed rules, etc.	<p>SEC. 4. That all officers who furnish authenticated copies under this Act shall attest their authentication by the use of an official seal, which is hereby authorized for that purpose.</p>
Inspection of records.	<p>SEC. 5. That the Act of Congress approved April nineteenth, nineteen hundred and four, chapter thirteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; but nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal the provisions of sections four hundred and ninety to four hundred and ninety-three, inclusive, and forty-nine hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, fixing the rates for patent fees; or the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, chapter five hundred and forty-one, fixing a rate for certifying printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents; or of section fourteen of the Act of February twentieth, nineteen hundred and five, chapter five hundred and ninety-two, to authorize the registration of trade-marks used in commerce with foreign nations or among the several States or with Indian tribes, and to protect the same; nor shall anything in this Act be construed to repeal any of the provisions of section eight of the Act approved April twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and six, chapter eighteen hundred and seventy-six, authorizing the officer having charge of the custody of any records pertaining to the enrollment of members of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians to furnish certified copies of such records and charge for that service such fees as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe; nor shall anything herein contained prevent the Secretary of the Interior, under his general power of supervision over Indian affairs, from prescribing such charges or fees for furnishing certified copies of the records of any Indian agency or Indian school as he may deem proper; and the said Secretary is hereby authorized to charge a fee of twenty-five cents for each certified copy issued by him as to the official character of any officer of his department.</p>
Acceptance as evidence.	<p>SEC. 6. That all sums received under the provisions of this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.</p>
Use of seal.	
Authority to re- corders of Land Office repealed. Vol. 33, p. 125. Laws not changed. R. S., secs. 490-498, 4984, pp. 81, 964.	
Vol. 25, p. 940.	
Vol. 33, p. 728.	
Vol. 34, p. 139.	
Indian service records.	
Fee for certificate of official character.	
Deposit of receipts.	

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