

January 23, 1920.  
[H. R. 9089.]  
[Public, No. 122.]

**CHAP. 51.**—An Act Releasing the claim of the United States Government to the block or square of land in the city of Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas, upon which is situated the old Federal Jail, to the city of Fort Smith for a site for a convention hall, community building, or other public purposes.

Fort Smith, Ark.  
Site of old Federal  
Jail granted to.

*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 and directed to issue a patent granting, remissing, releasing, and quitclaiming all right, title, claim, and interest of the United States of America in and to the block or square of land in the city of Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas, bounded by Second and Third Streets and Rogers and Parker Avenues, fronting three hundred feet on Second and Third Streets and two hundred and ninety and twenty-five one-hundredths feet on Rogers and Parker Avenues, upon which is situated the old Federal Jail, being a part of section eight, township eight north, range thirty-two west, to the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, in trust, for a site for a convention hall, community building, or other public purposes: *Provided, however,* That if said land shall not be used for such purposes it shall revert to the United States.

Proviso.  
Reversion.

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[H. R. 2900.]  
[Public, No. 123.]

**CHAP. 53.**—An Act To increase the efficiency of the Military Establishment of the United States.

Army.  
Ordinance sergeant  
limitation removed.  
R. S., sec. 1110, p.  
204, repealed.  
Vol. 39, p. 174, re-  
pealed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1110, Revised Statutes, and the first proviso of section 12 of the Act entitled "An Act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes," approved June 3, 1916, be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

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[H. R. 10137.]  
[Public, No. 124.]

**CHAP. 54.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1906, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.  
Fire Department.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 2, 3, and 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1906, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Commissioners to  
have exclusive juris-  
diction.  
Vol. 34, p. 314, amend-  
ed.

"**SEC. 2.** That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint, assign to such duty or duties as they may prescribe, promote, reduce, fine, suspend, with or without pay, and remove all officers and members of the fire department of the District of Columbia, according to such rules and regulations as said commissioners, in their exclusive jurisdiction and judgment (except as herein otherwise provided), may from time to time make, alter, or amend: *Provided,* That the rules and regulations of the fire department heretofore promulgated are hereby ratified (except as herein otherwise provided) and shall remain in force until changed by said commissioners: *Provided further,* That all officers, members, and civilian employees of such department, except the chief engineer and deputy chief engineers, shall hereafter be appointed and promoted in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled 'An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States,' approved January 16, 1883, as amended, and the rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof, in the same manner as members of the classified civil

Provisos.  
Existing rules rati-  
fied.

Appointments here-  
after under civil serv-  
ice laws.  
Vol. 22, p. 403.