

to the Government of the United States as in his judgment may be spared and are not in use by the Government at the time of the inauguration: *And provided further*, That the inaugural committee shall indemnify the War Department for any loss or damage to such hospital tents and appliances, as aforesaid, not necessarily incident to such use.

Indemnity for damages, etc.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to permit the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company to extend overhead wires to such points along the line of parade as shall be deemed by the chief marshal convenient for use in connection with the parade and other inaugural purposes, the said wires to be taken down within ten days after the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Temporary overhead telegraph wires permitted.

Approved, February 13, 1925.

CHAP. 233.—An Act To amend section 101 of the Judicial Code as amended.

February 16, 1925.

[H. R. 64.]

[Public, No. 418.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 101 of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3, 1911, be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

United States courts. Vol. 36, p. 1122. *Amte.*, p. 387, amended.

"SEC. 101. The State of Oklahoma is divided into three judicial districts, to be known as the northern, the eastern, and the western districts of Oklahoma. The territory embraced on January 1, 1925, in the counties of Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Okfuskee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Rogers, Tulsa, and Washington, as they existed on said date, shall constitute the northern district of Oklahoma. Terms of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma shall be held at Tulsa on the first Monday in January, at Vinita on the first Monday in March, at Pawhuska on the first Monday in May, and at Bartlesville on the first Monday in June in each year: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations for holding court at Pawhuska, and Bartlesville are furnished free of expense to the United States. The eastern district of Oklahoma shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of January, 1925, in the counties of Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Cherokee, Choctaw, Coal, Carter, Garvin, Grady, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Jefferson, Latimer, Le Flore, Love, McClain, Muskogee, McIntosh, McCurtain, Murray, Marshall, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Pontotoc, Seminole, Stephens, Sequoyah, and Wagoner. Terms of the district court for the eastern district shall be held at Muskogee on the first Monday in January, at Ada on the first Monday in March, at Okmulgee on the first Monday in April, at Hugo on the second Monday in May, at South McAlester on the first Monday in June, at Ardmore on the first Monday in October, at Chickasha on the first Monday in November, at Poteau on the first Monday in December in each year, and annually at Pauls Valley at such times as may be fixed by the the judge of the eastern district: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations for holding said court at Hugo, Poteau, Ada, Okmulgee, and Pauls Valley are furnished free of expense to the United States. The western district of Oklahoma shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of January, 1925, in the counties of Alfalfa, Beaver, Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Cimarron, Cleveland, Comanche, Cotton, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Harper, Jackson, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, Major, Noble, Oklahoma, Payne, Pottawatomie, Roger Mills, Texas, Tillman, Washita, Woods, and Woodward. The terms of the district court for the western district

Oklahoma judicial districts.

Northern district.

Terms.

Provisos. Rooms at Pawhuska and Bartlesville. Eastern district.

Terms.

Rooms at Hugo, Poteau, Ada, Okmulgee, and Pauls Valley.

Western district.

Terms.

shall be held at Guthrie on the first Monday in January, at Oklahoma City on the first Monday in March, at Mangum on the first Monday in April, at Enid on the first Monday in June, at Lawton on the first Monday in September, and at Woodward on the first Monday in November in each year: *Provided*, That suitable rooms and accommodations for holding court at Mangum and Woodward are furnished free of expense to the United States. The clerk of the district court for the northern district shall keep his office at Tulsa, the clerk of the district court for the eastern district shall keep his office at Muskogee and shall maintain an office in charge of a deputy at Ardmore, the clerk for the western district shall keep his office at Guthrie and shall maintain an office in charge of himself or his deputy at Oklahoma City."

Rooms at Mangum and Woodward.

Offices of clerks.

Assignment of judges.
Eastern district.

Western district.

Northern district.
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Authority of judges.

Appointment of judge for northern district upon vacancy.

Marshal, district, and clerks for northern district to be appointed.

Jurisdiction, etc., of western and eastern districts continued until northern organized.

Termination over territory in northern district.

Prior criminal prosecutions, excepted.

Pending civil cases in eastern and western districts may be transferred to northern if within prescribed venue thereof

SEC. 2. The present senior judge of the eastern district of Oklahoma be, and he is hereby, assigned to hold said court in the said eastern district, and shall exercise the same jurisdiction and perform the same duties within the said district as he exercised and performed within his district prior to the passage of this Act. That the present judge of the western district of Oklahoma be, and he is hereby, assigned to hold said court in the western district of Oklahoma, and shall exercise the same jurisdiction and perform the same duties as he exercised and performed within his district prior to the passage of this Act. That the present junior judge of the eastern district of Oklahoma be, and he is hereby, assigned to hold said court in the said northern district, and shall exercise the same jurisdiction and perform the same duties within the said district as he exercised and performed within his district prior to the passage of this Act. Each of said judges and courts shall in other respects have all the power and authority, civil, criminal, equitable, or otherwise, which is conferred by law generally upon the district courts of the United States and the judges thereof.

SEC. 3. The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint for said northern district of Oklahoma a district judge upon the death, disability, or retirement of the district judge who is hereby assigned to said northern district.

SEC. 4. The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint for said northern district of Oklahoma a marshal and a district attorney. A clerk and deputy clerks shall be appointed and may be removed in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 5. The jurisdiction and authority of the courts and officers of the western district of Oklahoma, and of the courts and officers of the eastern district of Oklahoma as heretofore divided between them by the order of the senior judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit of the United States over the territory embraced within said northern district of Oklahoma shall continue as heretofore until the organization of the district court of said northern district, and thereupon shall cease and determine, save and except in so far as the authority of the junior judge of said eastern district is continued in him as judge of said northern district, and save and except as to the authority expressly conferred by law on said courts, judges or officers, or any of them, to commence and proceed with the prosecution of crimes and offenses committed therein prior to the establishment of the said northern district, and save and except as to any other authority expressly reserved to them or any of them under any law applicable in the case of the creation or change of the divisions or districts of district courts of the United States.

SEC. 6. Any party to any civil action, suit, or proceeding, including proceedings in bankruptcy, which is pending in the said eastern or western district and the prescribed venue of which would have been in said northern district had such district been constituted at the

time such action, suit, or proceeding was instituted, may, by filing notice of such desire in the office of the clerk of such eastern or western district as the case may be, cause such action, suit, or proceeding to be transferred to said northern district, and upon the filing of such notice the cause shall proceed in the said northern district as though originally brought therein. The clerk in whose office such notice may be filed shall forthwith transmit all the papers and documents in his court pertaining to such cause to the clerk of said northern district and he shall also, with all reasonable dispatch, prepare and transmit to such last-named clerk a certified transcript of the record of all orders, interlocutory decrees or other entries in such cause, with his certificate under the seal of the court that the papers sent are all that were on file in said court belonging to the cause. For the performance of his duties under this section the clerk so transmitting and certifying such papers and records shall receive the same fees as are now allowed by law for similar services to be taxed in the bill of costs and regularly collected with the other costs in the cause; and such transcript, when so certified and received, shall henceforth constitute a part of the record in the cause in the court to which the transfer shall be made. With such transcript shall be remitted all deposits in the hands of the clerk to the credit or account of such cause. The clerk receiving such transcript and original papers shall file the same. In case the permissible prescribed venue of any such action, suit, or proceeding would, at the option of the plaintiff, have been in either the said eastern district or in the said western district, though said northern district had then been constituted, then such suit, action, or proceeding shall not be removed to said northern district except upon consent of all of the parties thereto which consent shall be filed with the clerk in lieu of the notice of transfer above specified and shall have the same effect.

Transmittal of papers, etc., by clerk.

Fees authorized, etc.

Removal only upon consent if venue optional.

Approved, February 16, 1925.

CHAP. 234.—An Act To authorize the payment of an indemnity to the Swedish Government for the losses sustained by its nationals in the sinking of the Swedish fishing boat Lilly.

February 16, 1925.

[S. 2455.]

[Public, No. 419.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be paid to the Government of Sweden, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a matter of grace, and without reference to the question of liability therefor, as full indemnity for the losses sustained by the owners and crew of the Swedish fishing boat Lilly, or any other parties pecuniarily interested, through the sinking of that vessel by the United States Army transport Antigone on March 23, 1920, an amount equivalent to 26,381 kroner on the date of the approval of this Act, as recommended by the President in his message of January 3, 1924.

Sweden.

Payment authorized to, as indemnity for sinking of fishing boat "Lilly."

Post, p. 1339.

Approved, February 16, 1925.

CHAP. 235.—An Act To establish home ports of vessels of the United States, to validate documents relating to such vessels, and for other purposes.

February 16, 1925.

[S. 4162.]

[Public, No. 420.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of the navigation laws of the United States and of the Ship Mortgage Act, 1920, otherwise known as section 30 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, every vessel of the United States shall have a "home port" in the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, and

Shipping.

Home port in United States to be fixed by owner of American vessel.

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