

of said lands as required by law within the time limited therefor: *And provided further*, That the entryman, his heirs, or his duly qualified assignee, has in good faith complied with the requirements of law as to yearly expenditures and proof thereof, and shall show, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, that there is a reasonable prospect that if the extension is granted he will be able to make the final proof of reclamation, irrigation, and cultivation required by law.

Approved, February 25, 1925.

Compliance with law required.

**CHAP. 339.**—An Act To consolidate the office of Public Buildings and Grounds under the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and the office of superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings.

February 26, 1925.  
[S. 1918.]  
[Public, No. 478.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the office of Public Buildings and Grounds under the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and the office of superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings are hereby consolidated into a single office and shall hereafter be designated as the office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital. The superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings and the officer in charge of Public Buildings and Grounds shall hereafter be designated as the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, and shall be assigned by the President from the officers of the Corps of Engineers for duty in this position as now provided by law for the officer in charge of Public Buildings and Grounds and the superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings.

Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital.  
Offices consolidated into.

Assignment by the President of Engineer officer as Director.

Duties transferred to.

**SEC. 2.** The commission in charge of the State, War, and Navy Department Building, established by the Act approved March 3, 1883, is hereby abolished and all powers and duties conferred and imposed by law upon such commission and the superintendent of the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings shall hereafter be exercised and performed by such director, under the general direction of the President of the United States.

State, etc., Department Building commission abolished.  
Vol. 22, p. 553.

Powers transferred to Director.

**SEC. 3.** The office of Public Buildings and Grounds, under the direction and control of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, is hereby abolished, and all authority, powers, and duties conferred and imposed by law upon the Secretary of War or upon the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army in relation to the construction, maintenance, care, custody, policing, upkeep, or repair of public buildings, grounds, parks, monuments, or memorials in the District of Columbia, together with the authority, powers, and all duties and powers conferred and imposed by law upon the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, shall be held, exercised, and performed by the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital, under the general direction of the President of the United States.

Office of Public Buildings and Grounds abolished.

Duties of Secretary of War and Chief of Engineers over buildings, parks, etc., transferred to Director of new office.

**SEC. 4.** The officers and employees in the offices hereby consolidated shall become officers and employees of the office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital without reappointment, and all official records, papers, files, furniture, supplies, and other property in use in or in the possession of the offices so consolidated are hereby transferred to the office hereby created. The director is authorized to appoint, in accordance with existing law, such officers and employees, and to incur such expenses, as may be necessary for the proper administration of his office within the limits of the appropriations from time to time granted therefor.

Personnel, records, furniture, etc., of consolidated offices transferred to new office.

Administrative powers of Director.

Assistants by detail.

All unexpended balances available for new office.

Laws not affected.  
Vol. 40, p. 1269.

*Ante*, p. 175.

There may be detailed to assist the director not to exceed two qualified officers of the United States Army not above the rank of major.

SEC. 5. All unexpended balances of appropriations made for either of the activities hereby consolidated shall be available for expenditure by the office hereby established to the same extent and under the same conditions as such appropriations are available for the offices hereby consolidated.

SEC. 6. Nothing contained in this Act shall be held to modify existing law with respect to the assignment of space in the public buildings in the District of Columbia by the Public Buildings Commission or to modify sections 4 to 10, inclusive, of the Act approved May 27, 1924, relating to the United States park police, except as provided in section 3 of this Act.

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February 26, 1925.

[S. 2287.]

[Public, No. 479.]

CHAP. 340.—An Act To permit the Secretary of War to dispose of and the Port of New York Authority to acquire the Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad.

Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company.

Stock of, may be sold to Port of New York Authority.

Vol. 42, p. 822.  
Bonds in lieu of cash acceptable.

Operation to continue.

*Provisos.*  
Jurisdiction of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Use by Government in emergency.

Coordination with Government piers, etc., to facilitate freight carriage.

Sale to other purchaser if terms, etc., not agreed upon.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, for such sum and on such terms and conditions as he may deem best, to sell to and dispose of, and the Port of New York Authority is authorized to acquire from the Secretary of War, the stock of the Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company, said corporation being the lessee of the line known as the Hoboken Shore Road now constituting part of Belt Line Numbered 13 in the comprehensive plan for the development of the port of New York, adopted by the States of New York and New Jersey under chapter 43, Laws of New York, 1922, and chapter 9, Laws of New Jersey, 1922, and ratified and confirmed by the Congress of the United States by Public Resolution 66, Sixty-seventh Congress; and the Secretary is authorized and empowered to take and accept in lieu of cash the bonds of the said Port of New York Authority, secured by such lien as the Secretary in his discretion may determine is proper and sufficient; and upon such acquisition the said railroad shall continue to be operated in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce and in accordance with the provisions of the said comprehensive plan for the development of the port and the improvement of commerce and navigation: *Provided*, That the operation of said railroad in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the same manner and to the same extent as would be the case if this Act had not been passed: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall attach such conditions to such transfer as shall insure the use of such railroad facility by the United States in the event of war or other national emergency: *Provided further*, That in order to facilitate the interchange of freight between rail and water facilities, such railroad, if acquired by the Port of New York Authority hereunder shall be operated in coordination with the piers and docks adjacent thereto so long as said piers and docks are owned and operated by the United States Government or by any agency thereof, or by any corporation a majority of whose stock is owned by the United States: *Provided further*, That if the Port of New York Authority fails to agree upon terms and conditions of sale which are considered satisfactory by the Secretary of War, he is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the stock of the Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company or all or any part of the real and personal property of the Hoboken Manufacturers'