

by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with law, shall recommend, from the officers now on the active list in those grades, four officers of the grade of lieutenant colonel and nine officers of the grade of major, who held commissions in those grades, respectively, on May 28, 1934.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

[CHAPTER 253.]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Weldon Spring, Missouri.

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 9273.]  
[Public, No. 537.]

Missouri River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, at Weldon  
Spring, Mo.  
Vol. 46, p. 1498; Vol.  
48, p. 357.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at or near Weldon Spring, Missouri, authorized to be built by the State Highway Commission of Missouri, by an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1931, heretofore extended by an Act of Congress approved February 24, 1934, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from March 3, 1936.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

[CHAPTER 254.]

AN ACT

To extend certain provisions of the Act approved June 18, 1934, commonly known as the Wheeler-Howard Act (Public Law Numbered 383, Seventy-third Congress, 48 Stat. 984), to the Territory of Alaska, to provide for the designation of Indian reservations in Alaska, and for other purposes.

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 9866.]  
[Public, No. 538.]

Indians, Alaska.  
Certain home rule,  
etc., provisions extend-  
ed to.  
Vol. 48, pp. 984, 988.  
U. S. C., p. 1031.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 1, 5, 7, 8, 15, 17, and 19 of the Act entitled "An Act to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes", approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), shall hereafter apply to the Territory of Alaska: *Provided,* That groups of Indians in Alaska not heretofore recognized as bands or tribes, but having a common bond of occupation, or association, or residence within a well-defined neighborhood, community, or rural district, may organize to adopt constitutions and bylaws and to receive charters of incorporation and Federal loans under sections 16, 17, and 10 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

*Proviso.*  
Groups not previous-  
ly recognized as bands  
or tribes.

Vol. 48, pp. 987, 988,  
986.

Designation of cer-  
tain areas as Indian  
reservations.  
Vol. 23, p. 26; Vol. 26,  
p. 1101.  
U. S. C., p. 2131.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to designate as an Indian reservation any area of land which has been reserved for the use and occupancy of Indians or Eskimos by section 8 of the Act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 26), or by section 14 or section 15 of the Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1101), or which has been heretofore reserved under any executive order and placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior or any bureau thereof, together with additional public lands adjacent thereto, within the Territory of Alaska, or any other public lands which are actually occupied by Indians or Eskimos within said

Territory: *Provided*, That the designation by the Secretary of the Interior of any such area of land as a reservation shall be effective only upon its approval by the vote, by secret ballot, of a majority of the Indian or Eskimo residents thereof who vote at a special election duly called by the Secretary of the Interior upon thirty days' notice: *Provided, however*, That in each instance the total vote cast shall not be less than 30 per centum of those entitled to vote: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall affect any valid existing claim, location, or entry under the laws of the United States, whether for homestead, mineral, right-of-way, or other purpose whatsoever, or shall affect the rights of any such owner, claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of the land so occupied.

*Provisos.*  
Approval by residents.

Vote requirements.

Existing rights not affected.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

[CHAPTER 255.]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River at or near Alexandria Bay, New York.

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 10631.]  
[Public, No. 539.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River at or near Alexandria Bay, New York, authorized to be built by the New York Development Association, Incorporated, a corporation organized under and by virtue of the membership corporation law of the State of New York, its successors and assigns, by an Act of Congress approved March 4, 1929, and heretofore extended by an Act of Congress approved February 13, 1931, and further heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved April 15, 1932, February 14, 1933, February 26, 1934, and February 20, 1935, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Saint Lawrence River.  
Time extended for bridging, at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

Vol. 45, p. 1552; Vol. 46, p. 1028; Vol. 47, pp. 83, 806; Vol. 48, p. 360; *Ante*, p. 28.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

[CHAPTER 256.]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Waccamaw River at or near Conway, South Carolina.

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 11043.]  
[Public, No. 540.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Waccamaw River at or near Conway, South Carolina, authorized to be built by the State of South Carolina, by an Act of Congress approved February 10, 1932, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved May 12, 1933, and February 18, 1935, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Waccamaw River.  
Time extended for bridging, at Conway, S. C.

Vol. 47, p. 42; Vol. 48, p. 55; *Ante*, p. 26.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 1, 1936.