

## [CHAPTER 449]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no longer required for public purposes.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, with the approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered in their discretion, for the best interests of the District of Columbia, to sell and convey, in whole or in part, to the highest bidder at public or private sale, real estate now or hereafter owned in fee simple by the District of Columbia for municipal use, in the District of Columbia, which the Commissioners and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission find to be no longer required for public purposes.

District of Columbia.  
Sale of certain real estate not needed for public purposes.  
Approval of National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

SEC. 2. That the said Commissioners are further authorized to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of sale of each parcel of land sold, and shall deposit the net proceeds thereof in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Payment of expenses.

Deposit of net proceeds.

SEC. 3. That the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to execute proper deeds of conveyance for real estate sold under the provisions of this Act, which shall contain a full description of the land sold, either by metes and bounds, or otherwise, according to law.

Conveyancing provisions.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is hereby authorized, in his discretion, for the best interests of the United States, to sell and convey, in whole or in part, by proper deed or instrument, any real estate held by the United States in the District of Columbia and under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, which may be no longer needed for public purposes, for cash, or on such deferred-payment plan as the Secretary of the Interior may approve, at a price not less than that paid for it by the Government and not less than its present appraised value as determined by him.

Sale of certain Federal real estate under National Park Service not needed for public purposes.

SEC. 5. That in selling any parcel of land hereunder, said Secretary shall cause such public or private solicitation for bids or offers to be made as he may deem appropriate, and shall sell the parcel to the party agreeing to pay the highest price therefor if such price is otherwise satisfactory: *Provided*, That in the event the price offered or bid by the owner of any lands abutting the lands to be sold equals the highest price offered or bid by any other party, the parcel may be sold to such abutting owner.

Advertisement for bids, etc.

*Provided.*  
Sales to abutting property owners.

SEC. 6. That said Secretary is further authorized to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of sale of each parcel of land sold, and shall deposit the net proceeds thereof in the Treasury to the credit of the United States and the District of Columbia in the proportion that each paid the appropriations from which the parcels of land were acquired or were obligated to pay the same, at the time of acquisition, by reimbursement.

Payment of expenses.

SEC. 7. That all Acts and parts of Acts which may be inconsistent or in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Repeal of inconsistent, etc., laws.

Approved, August 5, 1939.