

annual budget as determined by the Commission and approved by the Governors of the signatory States, one-half of such amount to be prorated among the several States in proportion of their population within the District at the last preceding federal census, the other half to be prorated in proportion to their land area within the District.

“ARTICLE XI

“This compact shall become effective upon ratification by the legislatures of a majority of the States located within the District and upon approval by the Congress of the United States; and shall become effective as to any additional States signing thereafter at the time of such signing.”.

Consent of Congress given to Virginia, etc.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of said compact, the consent of Congress is hereby given to the State of Virginia or any other State with waters in the Ohio River drainage basin, entering into said compact as a signatory State and party in addition to the States therein named or any of them.

Appointment of commissioners.

SEC. 3. The commissioners to represent the United States, as provided in article IV of said compact, shall be appointed by the President.

U. S. jurisdiction, etc.

SEC. 4. Nothing contained in this Act or in the compact herein approved shall be construed as impairing or affecting the sovereignty of the United States or any of its rights or jurisdiction in and over the area or waters which are the subject of such compact.

Right reserved.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of section 1 is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 582]

AN ACT

To provide for the transportation and distribution of mails on motor-vehicle routes

July 11, 1940
[H. R. 6424]
[Public, No. 740]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That wherever it is found that adequate railroad facilities are not available, the Postmaster General is authorized to contract for carrying the mails and railway postal clerks on routes between points where, in his judgment, the conditions justify the operation of such service in motor vehicles especially designed and equipped for the distribution of mail en route: *Provided*, That such vehicles shall be constructed, fitted up, maintained, and operated in accordance with such specifications, rules, and regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided further*, That the Postmaster General is authorized, within his discretion, to transport and provide for the distribution of mails in Government-owned motor vehicles on such routes between points where in his judgment the conditions justify the operation of such service: *Provided further*, That all laws and regulations governing Star Route Service, not in conflict with this Act, shall be applicable to contracts made under the authority of this Act: *And provided further*, That no contract shall be awarded for a period of less than two years nor in excess of four years, and that payment for such service shall be from the appropriations for inland transportation by star routes.

Postal Service. Contracts for designated motor-vehicle service.

Provisos. Design, etc., of vehicles.

Use of Government-owned vehicles.

Star Route Service laws, etc., applicability.

Period of contracts; payment for service.

Distribution of mail on motor-vehicle routes.

Provisos. Supervision; personnel.

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General may, in his discretion, and in the interest of the Postal Service, and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, provide for the distribution of mail on motor-vehicle routes in motor vehicles specially designed and equipped for that purpose and provided for in section 1 of this Act: *Provided*, That the supervision and distribution of mails in motor-vehicle service, as herein provided, shall be under the jurisdiction of the

Second Assistant Postmaster General, and the personnel therein shall be a part of the Railway Mail Service under the same working conditions, rates of pay, travel allowance, and other benefits applicable to railway postal clerks: *And provided further*, That payment for such service shall be from the appropriations for Railway Mail Service salaries and railway postal clerks' travel allowance.

Payment for service.

SEC. 3. Every individual or company carrying the mails shall carry on any vehicle it operates and without extra charge therefor the persons in charge of the mails and when on duty and traveling to and from duty, and all duly accredited agents and officers of the Post Office Department and post-office inspectors while traveling on official business, upon the exhibition of their credentials.

Carriage of persons in charge of mails, etc.

SEC. 4. The Postmaster General is authorized to promulgate such specifications, rules, and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Regulations, etc.

Approved, July 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 583]

AN ACT

Authorizing advancements from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for the construction of a recorder of deeds building in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

July 11, 1940
[H. R. 9114]
[Public, No. 741]

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 are hereby authorized to accept advancements for the District of Columbia from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, or its successor, and said Administration, or its successor, with the approval of the President is authorized to advance to said Commissioners the sum of \$450,000, or any part thereof, in addition to any sums heretofore advanced to the District of Columbia by said Administration, or its successor, out of funds authorized by law for said Administration, or its successor, for a building for the office of the recorder of deeds to be located on premises now known at 515 D Street Northwest, formerly used as the police court, as recommended by a committee appointed by the Commissioners under order of January 12, 1940, and the making of such advances is hereby included among the purposes for which funds heretofore appropriated or authorized for said Administration, or its successor, including funds appropriated by the Public Works Administration Appropriation Act of 1938, may be used, in addition to the other purposes specified in the respective Acts appropriating or authorizing said funds.

District of Columbia.
Recorder of deeds building, construction.
Advancement of funds.

52 Stat. 816.
15 U. S. C., Supp. V, ch. 16 (note).

SEC. 2. The sum authorized by section 1 hereof, or any part thereof shall, when advanced, be available to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the preparation of plans, designs, estimates, models, and specifications; and for architectural and other necessary professional services required for carrying out the provisions of this Act; for the construction of a recorder of deeds building, including materials and labor, heating, lighting, elevators, plumbing, landscaping, transportation or rental thereof, and all other appurtenances, and the purchase and installation of machinery, furniture, equipment, apparatus, and any and all other expenditures necessary for or incident to the complete construction and equipment for use of the aforesaid building and plant.

Use of funds.

SEC. 3. That the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, or its successor, shall be repaid 55 per centum of any moneys advanced under section 1 of this Act in annual installments over a period of not to exceed twenty-five years with interest thereon at such rate as is agreed upon by the Commissioners of the District and

Repayment.