

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

SEC. 147. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia, such amounts as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

Approved June 8, 1954.

Public Law 390

CHAPTER 270

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of public lands for home and other sites", approved June 1, 1938 (52 Stat. 609), as amended.

June 8, 1954
[H. R. 2512]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of public lands for home and other sites", approved June 1, 1938 (52 Stat. 609), as amended by the Act approved July 14, 1945 (59 Stat. 467; 43 U. S. C., sec. 682a), is amended to read as follows:

Public lands,
Home site pur-
chases, etc.

"That the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, is authorized to sell or lease to any person or organization described in section 3 of this Act a tract of not exceeding five acres of any vacant, unreserved public lands, public lands withdrawn by Executive Orders Numbered 6910 of November 26, 1934, and 6964 of February 5, 1935, for classification, or public lands withdrawn or reserved by the Secretary of the Interior for any purposes, which the Secretary may classify as chiefly valuable for residence, recreation, business, or community site purposes, if he finds that such sale or lease of the lands would not unreasonably interfere with the use of water for grazing purposes nor unduly impair the protection of watershed areas, in reasonably compact form and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, at a price to be determined by him, for such use: *Provided*, That no land may be sold hereunder unless it has been surveyed. No person or organization shall be permitted to purchase or lease more than one tract under the provisions of this Act, except upon a showing of good faith and reasons satisfactory to the Secretary.

"SEC. 2. No tract shall be sold for less than the cost of making any survey necessary to describe properly the land sold. Patents for all tracts purchased under the provisions of this Act shall contain a reservation to the United States of the oil, gas, and all other mineral deposits, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

Reservation to
U.S.

"SEC. 3. A lease may be issued or a sale made under this Act to any of the following: (a) An individual who is a citizen of the United States, or who has filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen as required by the naturalization laws; (b) a partnership or an association, each of the members of which is a citizen of the United States or has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen; (c) a corporation, including nonprofit corporations, organized under the laws of the United States, or of any State or Territory thereof, and authorized to do business in the State or Territory in which the land is located; (d) a State, Territory, municipality, or other governmental subdivision.

Lease or sale.

Dept. of Interior
employee in Alas-
ka.

“SEC. 4. Any employee of the Department of the Interior, stationed in Alaska, notwithstanding such employment, may, in the discretion of the Secretary, purchase or lease under this Act one tract for residence or recreation purposes in the Territory of Alaska: *Provided, however,* That any conveyance by the Secretary to such employee shall contain a provision under which said tract shall revert to the United States if used, within twenty-five years after issuance of patent for such tract, for other than residential or recreation purposes.

Oreg. and Calif.
R. R. and Coos
Bay Wagon Road
grant lands.

“SEC. 5. The authority to lease lands under this Act shall extend to the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands situated in the State of Oregon and under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, except that—

“(a) such lands shall be leased only for residential, recreational, or community site purposes and not for business purposes; and

“(b) no lease of such lands shall be made if such lease would interfere with the application of the sustained yield timber management requirement established with respect to such lands by the Act entitled ‘An Act relating to the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands situated in the State of Oregon’, approved August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874).”

43 USC 1181a-
1181f.

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Public Law 391

CHAPTER 271

AN ACT

June 8, 1954
[H. R. 2974]

To extend the time for enrollment of the Indians of California, and for other purposes.

California In-
dians.

25 USC 657.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the Act of May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. 602), as amended by the Act of April 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 259), the Act of June 30, 1948 (62 Stat. 1166), and the Act of May 24, 1950 (64 Stat. 189), is hereby further amended by deleting the words “six months” in the penultimate sentence and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “until June 30, 1955,” and by inserting after the third sentence “For the purposes of clause (d) of this section, when the Secretary of the Interior is satisfied that reasonable and diligent efforts have been made to locate a person whose name is on said roll and that such person cannot be located, he may presume that such person died prior to the date of approval of this Act, and his presumption shall be conclusive”.

25 USC 651-658.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall transmit to Congress on or before August 31, 1955, a full and complete report of funds used and the purposes accomplished to carry out the provisions of this Act and the Act approved May 18, 1928 (45 Stat. 602), as amended by the Act of April 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 259), the Act of June 30, 1948 (62 Stat. 1166), and the Act of May 24, 1950 (64 Stat. 189).

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Public Law 392

CHAPTER 272

AN ACT

June 8, 1954
[H. R. 7061]

To prescribe and regulate the procedure for adoption in the District of Columbia.

D. C. adoption
procedure.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,