

United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, notwithstanding any provisions of the Hawaiian Organic Act, any laws of the Territory of Hawaii or of any Act of this Congress to the contrary, may authorize the city and county of Honolulu, a municipal corporation of the Territory of Hawaii, to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of enabling it to construct flood-control and drainage systems in the city and county of Honolulu.

Honolulu, Hawaii.
Improvement bonds.
31 Stat. 141.
48 USC 491.

SEC. 2. The bonds issued under authority of this Act shall be serial bonds, payable in substantially equal annual installments, the first installment to mature not later than five years and the last installment to mature not later than thirty years from the date of such issue. Such bonds may be issued without the approval of the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. Sections 3 and 4 of Act 254 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1953, pertaining to the issuance of public improvement bonds, as authorized by this Act, are hereby ratified and confirmed subject to the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 650

CHAPTER 899

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 8041]

To provide benefits under the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration based upon service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps under certain conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who served for at least ninety days in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps who prior to the establishment of the Women's Army Corps was honorably discharged for disability incurred in line of duty rendering her physically unfit to perform further service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps or in the Women's Army Corps, established under Public Law 110, Seventy-eighth Congress, shall be deemed to have been in the active military service during such period of service for the purposes of laws administered by the Veterans' Administration. No monetary benefits shall accrue by reason of this Act for any period prior to the date of enactment and compensation or pension shall not be payable by virtue of this Act concurrently with United States employees' compensation based on the same service. Any person eligible for compensation or pension by reason of this Act who is also eligible for compensation benefits provided by the United States Employees' Compensation Act of 1917, as amended, shall elect which benefit she shall receive.

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Veterans benefits.

57 Stat. 371.
10 USC 316 note.

39 Stat. 742.
5 USC 751-793.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 651

CHAPTER 900

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 8006]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for certain lands in Wisconsin bordering upon inland lakes or rivers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that a tract of public land, lying between the meander line of an

Wisconsin land titles. River and lake property.

inland lake or river in Wisconsin as originally surveyed and the meander line of that lake or river as subsequently resurveyed, has been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a person, or his predecessors in interest, who had been issued a patent, prior to January 21, 1953, for lands lying along the meander line as originally determined, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause a patent to be issued to such person for such land upon the payment of the same price per acre as that at which the land included in the original patent was purchased and upon the same terms and conditions. All persons seeking to purchase lands under this Act shall make application to the Secretary within one year from the date of the enactment of this Act, or from the date of the official filing of the plat or resurvey, whichever is later, and the Secretary of the Interior shall cause no patents to be issued for land lying between the original meander line and the resurveyed meander line until the conclusion of such periods.

SEC. 2. Upon the filing of a plat of resurvey under section 1 of this Act, the Secretary shall give such notice as he finds appropriate by newspaper publication or otherwise of the opening of the lands to purchase under this Act.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall affect valid existing rights.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 652

CHAPTER 901

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 8038]

To authorize the conveyance to the Hot Springs School District and to Garland County, Arkansas, for school and for other public purposes, of certain land originally donated to the United States and situated in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

Hot Springs
School District and
Garland County,
Ark.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to convey without consideration but upon such terms and conditions as he shall consider to be in the public interest to the Hot Springs School District and to the county of Garland, Arkansas, all or portions of a tract of approximately thirty-five acres within Hot Springs National Park, which was donated to the United States by Garland County, Arkansas, such property being situated in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 34, township 2 south, range 19 west, Garland County, Arkansas, and identified as the former United States Public Health Service Medical Center property.

Such property may be conveyed together with any improvements, appurtenances, and facilities relating thereto except those which the Secretary may find to be necessary to retain for purposes of the national park system or which he may deem advisable to remove for other purposes, the conveyances of the land hereunder to be made in the approximate proportions of two-thirds of the tract to or for purposes of the Hot Springs School District, such portion to be used for public school purposes, and one-third to Garland County for purposes of the county health and welfare unit. Any costs incidental to accomplishing the conveyances provided for herein shall be borne by the said Hot Springs School District and by Garland County.

Approved August 24, 1954.