

Public Law 653

CHAPTER 902

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 8365]

To confirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in fee to allotments of lands of the Mission Indians in the State of California prior to the expiration of the trust period specified in the Act of January 12, 1891, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) The provisions of the Act approved February Eighth, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Seven (24 Stat. 388), entitled "An Act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States and the Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes", and all Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, insofar as they have not hitherto been applicable, shall apply to patents in fee simple heretofore issued or hereafter to be issued under the Act for the relief of the Mission Indians in the State of California, approved January 12, 1891 (26 Stat. 712), as amended or supplemented.

Mission Indians,
Calif.
Patents in fee.

(b) All patents in fee simple heretofore issued covering lands allotted under said Act approved January 12, 1891, as amended or supplemented, are hereby ratified, confirmed and declared valid from the respective dates of such issuance, even though such patents might have been issued prior to the expiration of the trust period existing with respect to a trust patent.

Validation.

(c) All conveyances heretofore made by patentees of lands included in fee simple patents heretofore issued covering lands allotted under said Act approved January 12, 1891, as amended or supplemented, are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved, and declared valid, to the same extent as though this Act had been in full force and effect at the time of the issuance of such patents.

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Public Law 654

CHAPTER 903

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 8821]

To authorize the exchange of lands acquired by the United States for the Catoctin recreational demonstration area, Frederick County, Maryland, for the purpose of consolidating Federal holdings therein.

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, for the purpose of consolidating Federal holdings of land acquired for the Catoctin recreational demonstration area, Frederick County, Maryland, is hereby empowered, in his discretion, to obtain for the United States land and interests in lands held in private ownership within the established watersheds and boundaries of said recreational demonstration area by accepting from the owners of such privately owned land complete relinquishment thereof, and the Secretary may grant to such owners in exchange therefor, in each instance, federally owned lands of approximately equal value now a part of the Catoctin recreational demonstration area, that he considers are not essential for the administration, control, and operation of the aforesaid recreational demonstration area. Any land acquired by the United States pursuant to this authorization shall

Catoctin recreational demonstration area, Md.
Land exchange.

become a part of the Catoctin recreational demonstration area upon the vesting of title in the United States, and shall be subject to the laws applicable thereto.

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Public Law 655

CHAPTER 904

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 8385]

AN ACT

To amend section 2382 of the Revised Statutes, in order to make the size of townlots conform in size to local standards.

Townlots.
Area limitations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2382 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U. S. C., sec. 713), is further amended by striking out the words "each not exceed four thousand two hundred square feet," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "conform in size to local ordinances or accepted local standards for subdivision platting or, in the absence of such ordinances or standards, to standards prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior."

Repeal.

SEC. 2. Section 2385 of the Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 716) is hereby repealed.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 656

CHAPTER 905

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 9236]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Credit Union Act, as amended.

Federal Credit
Union Act.
Surety bonds.
48 Stat. 1219.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of subsection (b) of section 11 of the Federal Credit Union Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 12, sec. 1761 (b)), is further amended by striking out "in an amount and character to be determined from time to time by the board of directors" and by inserting in lieu thereof "in an amount and character to be determined from time to time by the board of directors in compliance with regulations prescribed, from time to time, by the Director".

SEC. 2. The third sentence of subsection (c) of section 11 of the Federal Credit Union Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 12, sec. 1761 (c)), is further amended by striking out "in an amount and character to be determined, from time to time, by the board" and by inserting in lieu thereof "in an amount and character to be determined from time to time by the board of directors in compliance with regulations prescribed, from time to time, by the Director".

SEC. 3. Section 16 of the Federal Credit Union Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 12, sec. 1766), is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(g) The Director of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions is authorized, empowered, and directed to require that every person appointed or elected by any Federal credit union to any position requiring the receipt, payment or custody of money or other personal property owned by a Federal credit union or in its custody or control as collateral or otherwise, to give bond in a corporate surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury under the Act of Congress approved July 30, 1947 (6 U. S. C., secs. 6-13), as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds. Any such bond or bonds shall be in a form approved by the Director with a view to pro-