

SEC. 18. That the construction of said extension on the lines of said railway company within the District of Columbia shall be commenced within one year of the passage of this Act, and be completed and cars running thereupon for passenger traffic within two years from the passage of this Act, in default of which this Act shall be void and of no effect.

Time of construction.

SEC. 19. That all the conditions, requirements, and obligations imposed by this Act shall be complied with by any of the successors to and assigns of said company within said District.

Compliance with conditions, etc.

SEC. 20. That within sixty days from the approval of this Act, the company shall deposit one thousand dollars with the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia, to guarantee the construction of this railroad within the prescribed time, and if this sum is not so deposited this Act shall be null and void. If the sum is so deposited, and the road is not in operation as herein prescribed, said one thousand dollars shall be forfeited to the District of Columbia, and this Act shall be void.

Deposit of guaranty.

Forfeiture.

SEC. 21. That the construction, adoption of motive power, erection of buildings, regulation of schedule and speed of running shall be at all times under the supervision and control of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Construction, etc., under control of Commissioners.

SEC. 22. That each and every violation of the requirements of this Act, or of the regulations of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia made under the authority thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of from twenty-five to one thousand dollars, in the discretion of the court, such fines to be collectible in any court of competent jurisdiction as other fines and penalties are collected in the District of Columbia.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 23. That the Anacostia, Surrattsville and Brandywine Electric Railway Company shall have the right of way across such other railways as are now in operation within the limits of the lines granted by this Act, and is hereby authorized to construct its said road across such other railways: *Provided*, That it shall not interrupt the travel of such other railways in such construction.

Right of way across other railways.

*Proviso.* Interruption of travel prohibited.

SEC. 24. That the company shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a report to each the Senate and House of Representatives, as prescribed in section ten of the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An Act to extend the routes of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company, and of the Belt Railway Company of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes."

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SEC. 25. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment.

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CHAP. 1413.—An Act To provide for the performance, temporarily, of the duties of appraisers and assistant appraisers of merchandise.

March 3, 1905.  
[S. 4069.]

[Public, No. 146.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in case of a vacancy occurring, by reason of death or otherwise, in the office of appraiser or assistant appraiser of merchandise in any customs collection district the Secretary of the Treasury may designate some officer or employee within the district to perform the duties of the office, without additional compensation, until the vacancy shall have been filled.

Customs. Filling vacancies in appraiser's office authorized.

SEC. 2. That in case of the sickness, disability, or occasional and necessary absence from his office of an appraiser of merchandise in any customs collection district it shall be lawful for the appraiser to nominate,

Appraiser may nominate, etc.

Proviso.  
Oath.

and the Secretary of the Treasury to confirm, an assistant appraiser or other officer of the customs in the same customs collection district, who shall perform the functions of the appraiser, without additional compensation, during such absence: *Provided*, That in no case shall any person enter upon or discharge the duties of the appraiser or assistant appraiser of merchandise until he shall have taken the oath required by law of such officer.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905.  
[S. 4156.]

**CHAP. 1414.**—An Act For the establishment of public convenience stations in the District of Columbia.

[Public, No. 147.]

District of Columbia.  
Establishment of  
public convenience  
stations in.

*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 be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to construct and establish, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, two public convenience stations, each of the same to afford accommodations for twenty males and ten females.

Location of sites.

Right of control  
transferred to Com-  
missioners.

**SEC. 2.** That the said public convenience stations shall be located on public space to be selected by the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia. And the jurisdiction and control of such portion of any public reservation so selected as shall be required for the location of such stations and their approaches is hereby transferred from the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, such transfer to take effect from the date of notice by the said Commissioners to the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army of the location of sites of such stations.

Regulations.

**SEC. 3.** That upon the construction and establishment of said public convenience stations the said Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the management of the same, as well as to fix the charge, if any, to be made for the use of these conveniences.

Appropriation im-  
mediately available.

**SEC. 4.** That for the purpose of constructing and establishing the said public convenience stations, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended by said Commissioners. And for the purpose of care and maintenance of the same during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, and to be expended by said Commissioners, one half of the entire sum herein appropriated to be paid out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the other half to be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation for  
maintenance, etc.

Half from District  
revenues.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905.  
[S. 4938.]

**CHAP. 1415.**—An Act Regulating the use of telegraph wires in the District of Columbia.

[Public, No. 148.]

District of Columbia.  
Removal of tele-  
graph poles and wires.  
Area of removal.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all telegraph poles and the wires attached thereto, not the property of the United States or the District of Columbia, now upon the streets, avenues, and alleys within the fire limits of the District of Columbia, except as hereinafter provided, shall from time to time, as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of said District, be taken down and removed. The work of taking down and removing said poles and wires shall be done under the direction of said Commissioners, and it is hereby made the duty of said Commissioners to enforce compliance with the provisions of this

Duty of the Commis-  
sioners.