

Act, the same powers and jurisdiction as may be exercised in the State of Arkansas by the courts of that State over corporations created therein under the provisions of any law in force in that State relating to corporations.

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CHAP. 380.—An Act To confirm in trust to the city of Albuquerque, in the Territory of New Mexico, the town of Albuquerque Grant, and for other purposes.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Release to, of Albuquerque Grant.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby released and quitclaimed unto the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, all the right, claim, title, and interest which the United States has, or may claim to have, to the land or any part thereof which was in eighteen hundred and eighty-three surveyed under the direction of the surveyor-general for New Mexico as the town of Albuquerque Grant, the survey having been approved by the said surveyor-general on the twenty-eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and including four Spanish leagues; and all the right, title, claim, and interest of the United States in and to the said premises embraced in the said grant is hereby vested in the city of Albuquerque in trust for the benefit of all persons claiming title to their individual holdings of real estate at the time of the acquisition of New Mexico under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and their successors in interest, or who have been in open adverse possession for the period of ten years prior to the passage of this Act: *Provided*, That there is reserved from this grant and quitclaim all lands and buildings now occupied by the United States as an Indian school, or for other public purposes; and also reserving therefrom any private land grants that may have been, or may hereafter be, confirmed by the Court of Private Land Claims or other authority of the United States.

Proviso.
Reservation from release.

Deeds of quitclaim to claimants to be executed.

SEC. 2. That it is hereby made the duty of the mayor and clerk of said city, and of their successors in office, to execute proper deeds of quitclaim to the persons entitled thereto under this Act for their respective holdings of real estate upon such claimants applying therefor and presenting proper deeds for the signatures of such officers, without any expense to said applicants, and such deeds, when executed, shall be taken in all courts and places as a relinquishment of any claim or title to the lands herein described on the part of the United States: *Provided*, That such deeds shall not be made to persons where titles are in controversy in the courts until such courts shall have adjudicated the same, when deeds shall be made to the persons adjudged to be the owners: *Provided further*, That if, within the limits of the land hereby relinquished, there be any tract or tracts not held in private ownership, the title shall be vested in the city of Albuquerque in trust for the use and benefit of the public schools of each of the districts where such lands are severally situated.

Provisos.
—contested titles.

Lands for benefit of public schools.

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CHAP. 381.—An Act Authorizing the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Saint Joseph River at or near the city of Saint Joseph, Michigan.

Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad may bridge St. Joseph River at St. Joseph, Mich.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby,

authorized to construct and maintain a railway bridge across Saint Joseph River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the city of Saint Joseph, in the State of Michigan.

SEC. 2. That said bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph purposes: *Provided*, That the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed by the company owning or operating it as to afford proper ways and means for the passage through or under it of vessels, barges, or rafts at all times, both by day and by night; and there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, such lights and signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Lawful structure
and post route.

Postal telegraph,
etc.

Proviso.
Aids to navigation.

Lights.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; or, in case of disagreement, upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

Rights of railroads
to use.

SEC. 4. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of said bridge and a map of the location giving for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location of the bridge the topography of the banks of the river, with shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of the said bridge during the process of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and said structure shall be changed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river.

Secretary of War to
approve plans.

Changes.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and
completion.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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