

furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and, until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Amendment.  
Alterations.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time; and if at any time navigation of said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said bridge company to alter and change the said bridge, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment.

Draw.

SEC. 4. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passing of boats; and said company or corporation shall maintain at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Lights.

Telegraph, etc.,  
companies.

Commencement and  
completion.

SEC. 5. That all telephone and telegraph companies shall be granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and operation of their lines across said bridge; and if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced within one year from the passage of this Act, and be completed within three years from same date, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

Approved, February 25, 1901.

February 25, 1901.

**CHAP. 477.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across Little River, at or near mouth of Big Lake, State of Arkansas.

Jonesboro, Lake  
City and Eastern Rail-  
road may bridge Lit-  
tle River, Arkansas.

Secretary of War to  
approve plans.

Provisions.

Changes.

Aids to navigation,  
etc.

Lights.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Jonesboro, Lake City and Eastern Railroad Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors or assigns, are hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain a drawbridge across Little River, at or near the mouth of Big Lake, in section nine, township fourteen north, range nine east, Mississippi County, in the State of Arkansas. Said bridge shall be constructed in accordance with such plans as the Secretary of War may decide to be necessary, and approved by him: *Provided*, That before the construction of any bridge herein authorized is commenced the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such bridge, and map of the location, giving sufficient information to enable the Secretary of War to fully and satisfactorily understand the subject: and unless the plan and location of such bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the structure shall not be built; and should any change be made in said bridge, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense: *Provided further*, That any bridge constructed under authority of this Act shall at all times be so kept and managed as to offer proper and reasonable means for the passage of vessels and other water craft through or under said structure: and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with, and the bridge itself at right angles to, the currents of the river: and for the safety of vessels passing at night

there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said company shall, at its own expense, build and maintain such dikes, wing dams, or other works as the Secretary of War may deem necessary to maintain the channel within the draw or channel spans of the bridge.

Wing dams, etc.

SEC. 2. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner of said bridge and any railroad company desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sums to be paid or upon the conditions to be observed, all matters at issue shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proof of the parties.

Right of railroads to use.

SEC. 3. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act and according 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 transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes over said bridge.

Lawful structure and post route.

Postal telegraph, etc.

SEC. 4. 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 two years from the approval of this Act.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 25, 1901.

**CHAP. 478.**—An Act Supplemental to an Act entitled “An Act to incorporate the Reform School for Girls of the District of Columbia,” approved July ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

February 25, 1901.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections eight, nine, and fifteen of the Act entitled “An Act revising and amending the various Acts establishing and relating to the Reform School of the District of Columbia,” approved May third, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, which Act was made applicable to the Reform School for Girls of the District of Columbia by the sixth section of the Act to which this Act is a supplement, be, and they are hereby, amended as applicable to the said Reform School for Girls, so as to read as follows:

District of Columbia. Reform School for Girls. Vol. 25, p. 245. Vol. 19, p. 49, amended.

“SEC. 8. That whenever any girl under the age of seventeen years shall be brought before any court of the District of Columbia or any judge of such court, and shall be convicted of any crime or misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment other than imprisonment for life, such court or judge, in lieu of sentencing her to imprisonment in the county jail or fining her, may commit her to the Reform School for Girls, to remain until she shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years unless sooner discharged by the board of trustees. And the judges of the criminal and police courts of the District of Columbia shall have power to commit to the Reform School for Girls, first, any girl under seventeen years of age who may be liable to punishment by imprisonment under any existing law of the District of Columbia or any law that may be enacted and in force in said District; second, any girl under seventeen years of age, with the consent of her parent or guardian, against whom any charge of crime or misdemeanor shall have been made, upon probable cause shown to the satisfaction of the

Commitment of girls under 17 years of age.

—who may be committed.