

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES.

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the sixth day of December, A. D. 1858, and ended on Thursday, the third day of March, A. D. 1859.

JAMES BUCHANAN, President. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. BENJAMIN FITZPATRICK was appointed President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, January 24, 1859, and so continued until February 10, 1859. JAMES L. ORR, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I.—An Act to continue the Office of Register of the Land-Office at Vincennes, Indiana. Dec. 21, 1858.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable persons interested in titles to land in the Vincennes district, Indiana, to perfect the same, and for the transaction of such other business as may require his services, the office of Register of the Land-Office at that place shall be continued for the period of three years from and after the passage of this act, if, in the opinion of the President of the United States, the public interests so long require it.

Office of register continued three years, if necessary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the register, under directions from the Secretary of the Interior, to issue such patent certificates, or other evidences of title, as may from time to time be necessary, as the basis of patents for the ancient private claims in that district that have been recognized by various confirmatory laws, and that prior to finally closing the district, three months' public notice shall be given thereof.

Duty of register

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That a register shall be appointed by the President under this act, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, which register shall be authorized to perform all such duties, both as register and receiver, as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and shall receive in full for the same a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, and such fees for preemption or bounty-land locations as existing United States laws allow, and in making transcripts of original papers for individuals, said register shall have a right to charge therefor, according to the tariff existing in the local courts of the district.

Register to be appointed, and to act as receiver.

Salary.

Fees.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the officer so appointed shall be required to reside at Vincennes and to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, the safety of the archives in his charge, and the public moneys which may be received by him, in such penalty as the President of the United States may deem necessary.

Residence of register and bond.

APPROVED, December 21, 1858.