

Acceptance. SEC. 181. That the acceptance may be written on any part, and it must be written on one part only. If the drawee accepts more than one part, and such accepted parts are negotiated to different holders in due course, he is liable on every such part as if it were a separate bill.

Payment by acceptor. SEC. 182. That when the acceptor of a bill drawn in a set pays it without requiring the part bearing his acceptance to be delivered up to him, and that part at maturity is outstanding in the hands of a holder in due course, he is liable to the holder thereon.

Effect of discharging one set. SEC. 183. That except as herein otherwise provided, where any one part of a bill drawn in a set is discharged by payment or otherwise the whole bill is discharged.

Promissory notes and checks.

TITLE III. PROMISSORY NOTES AND CHECKS.

ARTICLE I.

Definitions. —promissory note. SEC. 184. That a negotiable promissory note within the meaning of this Act is an unconditional promise in writing, made by one person to another, signed by the maker, engaging to pay on demand, or at a fixed or determinable future time, a sum certain in money, to order or to bearer. Where a note is drawn to the maker's own order, it is not complete until indorsed by him.

—check. SEC. 185. That a check is a bill of exchange drawn on a bank, payable on demand. Except as herein otherwise provided, the provisions of this Act applicable to a bill of exchange payable on demand apply to a check.

—time within which must be presented. SEC. 186. That a check must be presented for payment within a reasonable time after its issue, or the drawer will be discharged from liability thereon to the extent of the loss caused by the delay.

—certification; effect. SEC. 187. That where a check is certified by the bank on which it is drawn, the certification is equivalent to an acceptance.

—procured by holder; effect. SEC. 188. That where the holder of a check procures it to be accepted or certified, the drawer and all indorsers are discharged from liability thereon.

When operates as an assignment. SEC. 189. That a check of itself does not operate as an assignment of any part of the funds to the credit of the drawer with the bank, and the bank is not liable to the holder unless and until it accepts or certifies the check.

Repeal. SEC. 190. That all laws of force within the District of Columbia inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of this Act be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Effect. SEC. 191. That this Act shall take effect on the first Monday of April, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Approved, January 12, 1899.

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CHAP. 48.—An Act To provide for the establishment of building lines on certain streets in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

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 are hereby authorized to establish building lines on streets or parts of streets less than ninety feet wide in the District of Columbia, upon the presentation to them of a plat of the street or a portion of the street upon which such action is desired, showing the lots and the names of the record owners thereof, and accompanied by a petition of the owners of one-half of the real estate shown on said plat requesting that building lines be established, or when said Commissioners shall certify that public health, comfort, or convenience requires that such building lines be established.

Appraisal proceedings. SEC. 2. That upon the filing of such plat and petition in the office of said Commissioners, or when said Commissioners shall certify that public health, comfort, or convenience requires that such building lines

be established, said Commissioners shall make application in writing to the United States marshal for the District of Columbia to summon and empanel a jury of twelve citizens, who have no interest in the real estate mentioned in the petition (and it is hereby made his duty to summon and empanel the same in all such cases upon application in writing of said Commissioners), who, after first taking and subscribing an oath in writing to discharge the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this Act justly and impartially, shall proceed to ascertain and appraise the damages which may accrue to the real estate of any person or persons by the establishment of said building lines, which shall be the value of the land at the time of the taking, and the said jury shall make and return their verdict in triplicate, one original to be filed in the office of the said Commissioners, one in the office of the recorder of deeds of said District, and one in the office of the surveyor of the said District. And the damages awarded by said jury shall be payable out of any funds available for opening, widening, and extending alleys, under the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and for prior years, and for other purposes."

—jury.

—verdict.

—damages.

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SEC. 3. That the said jury shall apportion an amount equal to the amount of said damages, ascertained and appraised as aforesaid, including the fees of the marshal for his services and sixty dollars for the services of said jury, according as each lot or parcel of land in any square may be benefited by the establishment of building lines, and they shall make return of such apportionment to said Commissioners, in which they shall designate each lot or part of lot of land so benefited and the amount so apportioned to each, respectively; and in case of failure to pay the amount so apportioned, it shall be the duty of the collector of taxes to levy a tax upon each lot or part of lot of land in accordance with such apportionment, and to collect the same as other taxes on real estate are collected; and said assessments shall bear interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum until paid.

Apportionment of expenses according to benefit received.

—failure to pay; assessment.

SEC. 4. That the said marshal shall give or cause to be given notice of the time and place of meeting of said jurors, for the purposes aforesaid, to each proprietor of land in the square where the building line is proposed to be established, as provided in section six of the Act of Congress approved July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An Act to provide for the opening of alleys in the District of Columbia."

Notice to land owners of meeting of jury.

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SEC. 5. That the said Commissioners, whenever they deem it desirable in the interest of economy, may permit buildings existing at the time said building lines are established, and which project beyond said lines, to remain until such time as the owners of said buildings desire to reconstruct or substantially alter the said buildings: *Provided*, That the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, providing for certain projections upon street parkings, shall apply to all parkings established under this Act, and the control of said parkings otherwise shall be vested in the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who are hereby authorized to make and enforce all reasonable and necessary regulations for their care and preservation.

Projecting buildings may remain, etc.

*Proviso.*

Street parkings projections; control, etc.

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Approved, January 12, 1899.

**CHAP. 56.**—An Act Providing for additional circuit judges in the fifth and sixth judicial circuits.

January 25, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be in the fifth and sixth judicial circuits each an additional circuit judge, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of

Additional judges, fifth and sixth judicial circuits.