

western division, at Oxford on the third Monday in April and the first Monday in December; and for the Delta division, at Clarksdale on the fourth Monday in January and the third Monday in October. The southern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of December 1923 in the counties of Amite, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Holmes, Leake, Lincoln, Madison, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Smith, Scott, Wilkinson, and Yazoo, which shall constitute the Jackson division; also the territory embraced on the date last mentioned in the counties of Adams, Claiborne, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Sharkey, Warren, and Washington, which shall constitute the western division; also the territory embraced on the date last mentioned in the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, and Wayne, which shall constitute the eastern division; also the territory embraced on the date last mentioned in the counties of George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone, which shall constitute the southern division of said district; also the territory embraced on the date last mentioned in the counties of Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion, Perry, and Walthall, which shall constitute the Hattiesburg division. Terms of the district court for the Jackson division shall be held at Jackson on the first Mondays in May and November; for the western division, at Vicksburg on the third Mondays in May and November; for the eastern division, at Meridian on the third Mondays in March and September; for the southern division, at Biloxi on the third Monday in February and the first Monday in June; and for the Hattiesburg division, at Hattiesburg on the second Mondays in April and October. The clerk of the court for each district shall maintain an office in charge of himself or a deputy at each place in his district at which court is now required to be held, at which he shall not himself reside, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of the court. The marshal for each of said districts shall maintain an office in charge of himself or a deputy at each place of holding court in his district."

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Western division.
Delta division.

Southern district.
Jackson division.

Western division.

Eastern division.

Southern division.

Hattiesburg division.

Terms of court.
Jackson division.
Western division.
Eastern division.
Southern division.

Hattiesburg division.
Clerks and marshals;
offices.

[CHAPTER 432.]

AN ACT

To provide for rural electrification, and for other purposes.

May 20, 1936.
[S. 3483.]
[Public, No. 605.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created and established an agency of the United States to be known as the "Rural Electrification Administration", all of the powers of which shall be exercised by an Administrator, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of ten years, and who shall receive a salary of \$10,000 per year. This Act may be cited as the "Rural Electrification Act of 1936".

Rural Electrification Act of 1936.
Rural Electrification Administration created.
Administrator; powers, appointment, etc.

Citation of title.

SEC. 2. The Administrator is authorized and empowered to make loans in the several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing of electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service, as hereinafter provided; to make, or cause to be made, studies, investigations, and reports concerning the condition and progress of the electrification of rural areas in the several States and Territories; and to publish and disseminate information with respect thereto.

Loans in States and Territories authorized.

Studies and reports concerning rural areas; publication, etc.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Loans to Administrator by, authorized. Maximum, 1937. Interest.

Provisos. Proportion to security.

Amortization of obligations.

Maturity provisions.

Assignment of obligations to Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Appropriations authorized.

Allotments of portion of annual sums for loans; basis of.

Unallotted portion; basis of loans. Post, p. 1365.

Proviso. Limitation.

Availability of unexpended balances during ensuing year.

Provisos. Limitation.

Loans to Administrator to cease June 30, 1937.

Payments covered in; exception.

SEC. 3. (a) The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to make loans to the Administrator, upon his request approved by the President, not exceeding in aggregate amount \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, with interest at 3 per centum per annum upon the security of the obligations of borrowers from the Administrator appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Act or from the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration established by Executive Order Numbered 7037: *Provided*, That no such loan shall be in an amount exceeding 85 per centum of the principal amount outstanding of the obligations constituting the security therefor: *And provided further*, That such obligations incurred for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of generating plants, electric transmission and distribution lines, or systems shall be fully amortized over a period not to exceed twenty-five years, and that the maturity of such obligations incurred for the purpose of financing the wiring of premises and the acquisition and installation of electrical and plumbing appliances and equipment shall not exceed two-thirds of the assured life thereof and not more than five years. The Administrator is hereby authorized to make all such endorsements, to execute all such instruments, and to do all such acts and things as shall be necessary to effect the valid transfer and assignment to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of all such obligations.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for each of the eight years thereafter, the sum of \$40,000,000 for the purposes of this Act as hereinafter provided.

(c) Fifty per centum of the annual sums herein made available or appropriated for the purposes of this Act shall be allotted yearly by the Administrator for loans in the several States in the proportion which the number of their farms not then receiving central station electric service bears to the total number of farms of the United States not then receiving such service. The Administrator shall, within ninety days after the beginning of each fiscal year, determine for each State and for the United States the number of farms not then receiving such service.

(d) The remaining 50 per centum of such annual sums shall be available for loans in the several States and in the Territories, without allotment as hereinabove provided, in such amounts for each State and Territory as, in the opinion of the Administrator, may be effectively employed for the purposes of this Act, and to carry out the provisions of section 7: *Provided, however*, That not more than 10 per centum of said unallotted annual sums may be employed in any one State, or in all of the Territories.

(e) If any part of the annual sums made available for the purposes of this Act shall not be loaned or obligated during the fiscal year for which such sums are made available, such unexpended or unobligated sums shall be available for loans by the Administrator in the following year or years without allotment: *Provided, however*, That not more than 10 per centum of said sums may be employed in any one State or in all of the Territories: *And provided further*, That no loans shall be made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Administrator after June 30, 1937.

(f) All moneys representing payments of principal and interest on loans made by the Administrator under this Act shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, except that any such moneys representing payments of principal and interest on obligations constituting the security for loans made by the Reconstruction

Finance Corporation to the Administrator shall be paid to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in payment of such loans.

SEC. 4. The Administrator is authorized and empowered, from the sums hereinbefore authorized, to make loans to persons, corporations, States, Territories, and subdivisions and agencies thereof, municipalities, peoples utility districts and cooperative nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations organized under the laws of any State or Territory of the United States, for the purpose of financing the construction and operation of generating plants, electric transmission and distribution lines or systems for the furnishing of electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service: *Provided, however,* That the Administrator, in making such loans, shall give preference to States, Territories, and subdivisions and agencies thereof, municipalities, peoples utility districts, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited dividend associations, the projects of which comply with the requirements of this Act. Such loans shall be on such terms and conditions relating to the expenditure of the moneys loaned and the security therefor as the Administrator shall determine and may be made payable in whole or in part out of income: *Provided, however,* That all such loans shall be self-liquidating within a period of not to exceed twenty-five years, and shall bear interest at a rate equal to the average rate of interest payable by the United States of America on its obligations, having a maturity of ten or more years after the dates thereof, issued during the last preceding fiscal year in which any such obligations were issued: *Provided further,* That no loan for the construction, operation, or enlargement of any generating plant shall be made unless the consent of the State authority having jurisdiction in the premises is first obtained. Loans under this section and section 5 shall not be made unless the Administrator finds and certifies that in his judgment the security therefor is reasonably adequate and such loan will be repaid within the time agreed.

SEC. 5. The Administrator is authorized and empowered, from the sums hereinbefore authorized, to make loans for the purpose of financing the wiring of the premises of persons in rural areas and the acquisition and installation of electrical and plumbing appliances and equipment. Such loans may be made to any of the borrowers of funds loaned under the provisions of section 4, or to any person, firm, or corporation supplying or installing the said wiring, appliances, or equipment. Such loans shall be for such terms, subject to such conditions, and so secured as reasonably to assure repayment thereof, and shall be at a rate of interest equal to the average rate of interest payable by the United States of America on its obligations, having a maturity of ten or more years after the dates thereof, issued during the last preceding fiscal year in which any such obligations were issued.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of administering this Act and for the purpose of making the studies, investigations, publications, and reports herein provided for, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as shall be necessary.

SEC. 7. The Administrator is authorized and empowered to bid for and purchase at any foreclosure or other sale, or otherwise to acquire, property pledged or mortgaged to secure any loan made pursuant to this Act; to pay the purchase price and any costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith from the sums authorized in section 3 of this Act; to accept title to any property so purchased or acquired in the name of the United States of America; to operate or lease such property for such period as may be deemed necessary or

Loans for financing generating plants, distribution lines, etc.

Provisos.
Preferential loans.

Loans to be self-liquidating.

Interest.

Consent of State authority.

Security; repayment.

Wiring premises, installing appliances, etc.

Loans for; terms, security, etc.

Interest.

Appropriations authorized for administrative, etc., expenses.
Post, p. 1604.

Acquisition of mortgaged, etc., property by Administrator, authorized.

Operation, etc., of acquired property.

- Sale.
- Disposal of encumbered property, etc., by borrower.
- Prior loans and contracts; administration may be vested in Administrator.
- Transfer of records, property, and personnel.
- Nonpartisan administration of Act.
- Merit system of appointments, etc.
- Removal of officials, etc., for violation.
- Annual reports to Congress.
- Utilization of voluntary, etc., services.
- Attorneys, engineers, and experts; appointment, compensation, etc.
- Expenditures authorized.
Ante, p. 1365.
- Time extension on payments, authorized.
- Provisos.*
Loans on plants, lines, etc.
- advisable to protect the investment therein, but not to exceed five years after the acquisition thereof; and to sell such property so purchased or acquired, upon such terms and for such consideration as the Administrator shall determine to be reasonable.
- No borrower of funds under section 4 shall, without the approval of the Administrator, sell or dispose of its property, rights, or franchises, acquired under the provisions of this Act, until any loan obtained from the Rural Electrification Administration, including all interest and charges, shall have been repaid.
- SEC. 8. The administration of loans and contracts entered into by the Rural Electrification Administration established by Executive Order Numbered 7037, dated May 11, 1935, may be vested by the President in the Administrator authorized to be appointed by this Act; and in such event the provisions of this Act shall apply to said loans and contracts to the extent that said provisions are not inconsistent therewith. The President may transfer to the Rural Electrification Administration created by this Act the jurisdiction and control of the records, property (including office equipment), and personnel used or employed in the exercise and performance of the functions of the Rural Electrification Administration established by such Executive order.
- SEC. 9. This Act shall be administered entirely on a nonpartisan basis, and in the appointment of officials, the selection of employees, and in the promotion of any such officials or employees, no political test or qualification shall be permitted or given consideration, but all such appointments and promotions shall be given and made on the basis of merit and efficiency. If the Administrator herein provided for is found by the President of the United States to be guilty of a violation of this section, he shall be removed from office by the President, and any appointee or selection of officials or employees made by the Administrator who is found guilty of a violation of this Act shall be removed by the Administrator.
- SEC. 10. The Administrator shall present annually to the Congress not later than the 20th day of January in each year a full report of his activities under this Act.
- SEC. 11. In order to carry out the provisions of this Act the Administrator may accept and utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services of Federal, State, and local officers and employees as are available, and he may without regard to the provisions of civil-service laws applicable to officers and employees of the United States appoint and fix the compensation of attorneys, engineers, and experts, and he may, subject to the civil-service laws, appoint such other officers and employees as he may find necessary and prescribe their duties. The Administrator is authorized, from sums appropriated pursuant to section 6, to make such expenditures (including expenditures for personal services; supplies and equipment; lawbooks and books of reference; directories and periodicals; travel expenses; rental at the seat of government and elsewhere; the purchase, operation, or maintenance of passenger-carrying vehicles; and printing and binding) as are appropriate and necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.
- SEC. 12. The Administrator is authorized and empowered to extend the time of payment of interest or principal of any loans made by the Administrator pursuant to this Act: *Provided, however*, That with respect to any loan made under section 4, the payment of interest or principal shall not be extended more than five years after such payment shall have become due, and with respect to any loan made under section 5, the payment of principal or interest shall not be extended more than two years after such payment shall have become

due: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any obligations or the security therefor which may be held by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under the provisions of section 3.

SEC. 13. As used in this Act the term "rural area" shall be deemed to mean any area of the United States not included within the boundaries of any city, village, or borough having a population in excess of fifteen hundred inhabitants, and such term shall be deemed to include both the farm and nonfarm population thereof; the term "farm" shall be deemed to mean a farm as defined in the publications of the Bureau of the Census; the term "person" shall be deemed to mean any natural person, firm, corporation, or association; the term "Territory" shall be deemed to include any insular possession of the United States.

SEC. 14. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Approved, May 20, 1936.

[CHAPTER 433.]

AN ACT

To amend article 3 of the "Rules Concerning Lights, and so forth", contained in the Act entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions upon certain harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States", approved June 7, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of article 3 of the "Rules Concerning Lights, and so forth", contained in the Act entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions upon certain harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States", approved June 7, 1897, is amended to read as follows:

"ART. 3. A steam vessel when towing another vessel or vessels alongside shall, in addition to her side lights, carry two bright white lights in a vertical line, one over the other, not less than three feet apart, and when towing one or more vessels astern, regardless of the length of the tow, shall carry an additional bright white light three feet above or below such lights: *Provided*, That on the Red River of the North and the rivers emptying into the Gulf of Mexico and their tributaries, this article shall not affect the signal lights used on towing vessels which propel the tow by pushing at the rear of the tow."

Approved, May 20, 1936.

[CHAPTER 434.]

AN ACT

To amend section 4321, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 46, sec. 263), and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4321, Revised Statutes of the United States (U. S. C., title 46, sec. 263), be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"The form of a license for carrying on the coasting trade or fisheries shall be as follows:

"License for carrying on the (here insert 'coasting trade', 'whale fishery', 'mackerel fishery', or 'cod fishery', as the case may be).

Loans excluded.
Ante, p. 1364.

Definitions.
"Rural area."

"Farm."

"Person."

"Territory."

Separability provision.

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[H. R. 10308.]
[Public, No. 606.]

Navigation.
"Rules Concerning Lights, etc."
Vol. 30, p. 97.
U. S. C., p. 1455.

Lights of steam vessel towing another vessel alongside.

When towing astern.

Provido.
Exceptions.

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[H. R. 11036.]
[Public, No. 607.]

Vessels in domestic commerce.
R. S., sec. 4321, p. 835.
U. S. C., p. 2005.

License for coasting trade or fisheries.

Form prescribed.