

under sections 759, 760, and 762 of this title, may be, in whole or in part, employed in making such resurveys as may be necessary in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior or such officer as he may designate.

(Aug. 7, 1882, ch. 433, 22 Stat. 327; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

“Secretary of the Interior or such officer as he may designate” substituted for “Commissioner of the General Land Office” on authority of section 403 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946. See note set out under section 1 of this title.

#### §§ 764, 765. Repealed. Dec. 16, 1930, ch. 14, § 1, 46 Stat. 1029

Section 764, R.S. §2404, related to augmented rates for surveys of forest lands in Oregon.

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#### § 766. Geological surveys, extension of public surveys, expenses of subdividing

There shall be no further geological survey by the Government, unless authorized by law. The public surveys shall extend over all mineral lands; and all subdividing of surveyed lands into lots less than one hundred and sixty acres may be done by county and local surveyors at the expense of claimants; but nothing in this section contained shall require the survey of waste or useless lands.

(R.S. §2406.)

#### CODIFICATION

R.S. §2406 derived from acts July 21, 1852, ch. 66, §1, 10 Stat. 15, 21; July 9, 1870, ch. 235, §16, 16 Stat. 218.

#### SECTION AS UNAFFECTED BY SUBMERGED LANDS ACT

Provisions of this section as not amended, modified or repealed by the Submerged Lands Act, see section 1303 of this title.

#### § 767. Repealed. Dec. 16, 1930, ch. 14, § 1, 46 Stat. 1029

Section, R.S. §2407, authorized a departure from ordinary method in surveying land on a watercourse.

#### §§ 768, 769. Repealed. Apr. 29, 1950, ch. 134, § 4, 64 Stat. 93

Section 768, R.S. §2408, authorized Secretary of the Interior to vary lines of subdivisions from a rectangular form to suit the circumstances of the country in extending the surveys of public lands in Nevada. See section 770 of this title.

Section 769, R.S. §2409, authorized Secretary of the Interior to continue geodetic method of survey in Oregon and California.

#### § 770. Rectangular mode of survey; departure from

The Secretary of the Interior may, by regulation, provide that departures may be made from

the system of rectangular surveys whenever it is not feasible or economical to extend the rectangular surveys in the regular manner or whenever such departure would promote the beneficial use of lands.

(R.S. §2410; Apr. 29, 1950, ch. 134, § 2, 64 Stat. 93.)

#### CODIFICATION

R.S. §2410 derived from act Mar. 3, 1853, ch. 145, §4, 10 Stat. 245.

#### AMENDMENTS

1950—Act Apr. 29, 1950, struck out limitation that, when there are departures from the rectangular surveys, the lands shall not be surveyed into less than 160 acres or subdivided into less than 40 acres, and by substituting a general provision for those departures.

#### § 771. Repealed. Dec. 16, 1930, ch. 14, § 1, 46 Stat. 1029

Section, R.S. §2411, related to compensation for surveying by the day instead of by the mile in Oregon and California.

#### § 772. Resurveys or retracements to mark boundaries of undisposed lands

The Secretary of the Interior may, as of March 3, 1909, in his discretion cause to be made, as he may deem wise under the rectangular system on that date provided by law, such resurveys or retracements of the surveys of public lands as, after full investigation, he may deem essential to properly mark the boundaries of the public lands remaining undisposed of: *Provided*, That no such resurvey or retracement shall be so executed as to impair the bona fide rights or claims of any claimant, entryman, or owner of lands affected by such resurvey or retracement.

(Mar. 3, 1909, ch. 271, 35 Stat. 845; June 25, 1910, No. 40, 36 Stat. 884; Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, §705(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2792.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-579 struck out proviso authorizing that not more than 20 per centum of relevant appropriations be used for resurveys and retracements under this section.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Section 705(a) of Pub. L. 94-579 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective on and after Oct. 21, 1976.

#### SAVINGS PROVISION

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-579 not to be construed as terminating any valid lease, permit, patent, etc., existing on Oct. 21, 1976, see section 701 of Pub. L. 94-579, set out as a note under section 1701 of this title.

#### § 773. Resurveys or retracements of township lines, etc.

Upon the application of the owners of three-fourths of the privately owned lands in any township covered by public-land surveys, more than 50 per centum of the area of which townships is privately owned, accompanied by a deposit with the Secretary of the Interior, or such officer as he may designate, of the proportionate estimated cost, inclusive of the necessary work, of the resurvey or retracement of all the privately owned lands in said township, the Sec-