

(R.S. § 2482; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act approved September 28, 1850, referred to in text, is act Sept. 28, 1850, ch. 84, 9 Stat. 519, which is not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2482 derived from act Mar. 2, 1855, ch. 147, § 2, 10 Stat. 634, 635.

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, which abolished General Land Office and Commissioner thereof and transferred functions of General Land Office to a new agency in Department of the Interior to be known as Bureau of Land Management. See section 403 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

**§ 982. Grant to States to aid in construction of levees and drains**

To enable the several States (but not including the States of Kansas, Nebraska, and Nevada) to construct the necessary levees and drains, to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands therein—the whole of the swamp and overflowed lands, made unfit thereby for cultivation, and remaining unsold on or after the 28th day of September, A.D. 1850, are granted and belong to the several States respectively, in which said lands are situated: *Provided, however*, That said grant of swamp and overflowed lands, as to the States of California, Minnesota, and Oregon, is subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions hereinafter named and specified in this chapter, as applicable to said three last-named States respectively.

(R.S. § 2479.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2479 derived from acts Sept. 28, 1850, ch. 84, §§ 1, 4, 9 Stat. 520; Mar. 12, 1860, ch. 5, § 1, 12 Stat. 3; Feb. 19, 1874, ch. 30, 18 Stat. 16.

GRANTS NOT TO EXTEND TO ALASKA

Admission of Alaska into the Union was accomplished Jan. 3, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3269, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 81, 73 Stat. c16, as required by sections 1 and 8(c) of Pub. L. 85-508, July 7, 1958, 72 Stat. 339, set out as notes preceding section 21 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Land grant under Alaska Statehood provisions in lieu of grant of land under this section (declared not to extend to Alaska), see section 6(l) of Pub. L. 85-508, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 48.

**§ 983. Lists and plats of lands, for governors of States**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, to make accurate lists and plats of all such lands, and transmit the same to the governors of the several States in which such lands may lie, and at the request of the governor of any State in which said swamp and overflowed

lands may be, to cause patents to be issued to said State therefor, conveying to said State the fee simple of said land.

The proceeds of said lands, whether from sale or by direct appropriation in kind, shall be applied exclusively, as far as necessary, to the reclaiming said lands, by means of levees and drains.

(R.S. § 2480.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2480 derived from act Sept. 28, 1850, ch. 84, § 2, 9 Stat. 519.

**§ 984. Legal subdivisions mostly wet and unfit for cultivation**

In making out lists and plats of the lands aforesaid all legal subdivisions, the greater part whereof is wet and unfit for cultivation, shall be included in said lists and plats, but when the greater part of a subdivision is not of that character, the whole of it shall be excluded therefrom.

(R.S. § 2481.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2481 derived from act Sept. 28, 1850, ch. 84, § 3, 9 Stat. 519.

**§ 985. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, R.S. § 2483, authorized the issuance of patents to purchasers or locators who have made entries on public lands claimed as swamp lands.

**§ 986. Selection of lands confirmed**

All land selected and reported to the General Land Office as swamp and overflowed land by the several States entitled to the provisions of said Act of September 28, 1850, prior to March 3, A.D. 1857, are confirmed to said States respectively so far as the same remained vacant and unappropriated and not interfered with by an actual settlement under any law of the United States.

(R.S. § 2484.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 2484 derived from act Mar. 3, 1857, ch. 117, 11 Stat. 251.

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.

General Land Office and office of Commissioner of General Land Office abolished by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, § 403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100. Functions of former transferred to Bureau of Land Management, and functions of latter transferred to Secretary of the Interior or that officer as he may designate, by that Plan. See section 403 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

**§ 987. Lands to be certified to State within one year**

It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to certify over to the State