

Alabama, whether mineral or otherwise, shall be subject to disposal only as agricultural lands. All lands which had been reported to the General Land Office prior to March 3, 1883, as containing coal and iron shall first be offered at public sale.

(Mar. 3, 1883, ch. 118, 22 Stat. 487; Feb. 25, 1920, ch. 85, §1, 41 Stat. 437.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from act Mar. 3, 1883, which contained an additional provision relating to pending homesteads, which was omitted because of its temporary nature.

AMENDMENTS

1920—The exception clause was inserted at beginning of this section because of act Feb. 25, 1920, which provided that deposits of coal, phosphate, sodium, oil, oil shale, or gas, and lands containing such deposits owned by the United States, shall be subject to disposition in the form and manner provided by such act.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

General Land Office abolished and functions transferred to Bureau of Land Management by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, §403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100, and regulations thereunder. See note set out under section 1 of Title 43, Public Lands.

**§ 172. Certain Alabama lands subject to homestead entry**

All lands designated as agricultural in the reclassification of the public lands of Alabama by the Secretary of the Interior under authority of Act March 27, 1906 (chapter 1347, section 1, Thirty-fourth Statutes, page 88), shall be subject to homestead entry as such.

(Mar. 27, 1906, ch. 1347, §2, 34 Stat. 88.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act March 27, 1906 (chapter 1347, section 1, Thirty-fourth Statutes, page 88), referred to in text, is not classified to the Code.

**CHAPTER 3A—LEASES AND PROSPECTING PERMITS**

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 181. Lands subject to disposition; persons entitled to benefits; reciprocal privileges; helium rights reserved.
- 182. Lands disposed of with reservation of deposits of coal, etc.
- 183. Cancellation of prospecting permits.
- 184. Limitations on leases held, owned or controlled by persons, associations or corporations.
- 184a. Authorization of States to include in agreements for conservation of oil and gas resources lands acquired from United States.
- 185. Rights-of-way for pipelines through Federal lands.
- 186. Reservation of easements or rights-of-way for working purposes; reservation of right to dispose of surface of lands; determination before offering of lease; easement periods.
- 187. Assignment or subletting of leases; relinquishment of rights under leases; conditions in leases for protection of diverse interests in operation of mines, wells, etc.; State laws not impaired.
- 187a. Oil or gas leases; partial assignments.
- 187b. Oil or gas leases; written relinquishment of rights; release of obligations.

- Sec. 188. Failure to comply with provisions of lease.
- 188a. Surrender of leases.
- 189. Rules and regulations; boundary lines; State rights unaffected; taxation.
- 190. Oath; requirement; form; blanks.
- 191. Disposition of moneys received.
- 191a. Late payment charges under Federal mineral leases.
- 191b. Collection of unpaid and underpaid royalties and late payment interest owed by lessees.
- 192. Payment of royalties in oil or gas; sale of such oil or gas.
- 192a. Cancellation or modification of contracts.
- 192b. Application to contracts.
- 192c. Rules and regulations governing issuance of certain leases; disposition of receipts.
- 193. Disposition of deposits of coal, and so forth.
- 193a. Preference right of United States to purchase coal for Army and Navy; price for coal; civil actions; jurisdiction.
- 194. Repealed.
- 195. Enforcement.
- 196. Cooperative agreements; delegation of authority.

SUBCHAPTER II—COAL

- 201. Leases and exploration.
- 201-1 to 201b. Repealed or Omitted.
- 202. Common carriers; limitations of lease or permit.
- 202a. Consolidation of coal leases into logical mining unit.
- 203. Additional lands or deposits.
- 204. Repealed.
- 205. Consolidation of leases.
- 206. Noncontiguous coal or phosphate tracts in single lease.
- 207. Conditions of lease.
- 208. Permits to take coal for local domestic needs without royalty payments; corporation exclusion; area to municipalities for household use without profit.
- 208-1. Exploratory program for evaluation of known recoverable coal resources.
- 208-2, 208a. Repealed.
- 209. Suspension, waiver, or reduction of rents or royalties to promote development or operation; extension of lease on suspension of operations and production.

SUBCHAPTER III—PHOSPHATES

- 211. Phosphate deposits.
- 212. Surveys; royalties; time payable; annual rentals; term of leases; readjustment on renewals; minimum production; suspension of operation.
- 213. Royalties for use of deposits of silica, limestone, or other rock embraced in lease.
- 214. Use of surface of other public lands; acreage; forest lands exception.

SUBCHAPTER IV—OIL AND GAS

- 221 to 222i. Omitted.
- 223. Leases; amount and survey of land; term of lease; royalties and annual rental.
- 223a. Repealed.
- 224. Payments for oil or gas taken prior to application for lease.
- 225. Condition of lease, forfeiture for violation.
- 226. Lease of oil and gas lands.
- 226-1. Extension of noncompetitive oil or gas lease issued before September 2, 1960.
- 226-2. Limitations for filing oil and gas contests.
- 226-3. Lands not subject to oil and gas leasing.
- 226a, 226b. Repealed.
- 226c. Reduction of royalties under existing leases.
- 226d to 227. Omitted.
- 228. Prospecting permits and leases to persons of lands not withdrawn; terms and conditions of; fraud of claimants.