

**§ 23. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-649, title II, § 202(b), July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 507**

Section, act Feb. 14, 1931, ch. 187, 46 Stat. 1118, prescribed fees for depositions in hearings in Bureau of Land Management. See section 1371 of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 462, 43 Stat. 1145.
- June 5, 1924, ch. 264, 43 Stat. 395.
- Jan. 24, 1923, ch. 42, 42 Stat. 1179.
- May 24, 1922, ch. 199, 42 Stat. 558.
- Mar. 3, 1915, ch. 75, 38 Stat. 855.

**§ 24. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632, 646, 647**

Section, acts May 10, 1926, ch. 277, 44 Stat. 456; Jan 12, 1927, ch. 27, 44 Stat. 938; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100, authorized payment of mileage for automobile travel.

**§§ 25 to 25b. Repealed. Oct. 25, 1951, ch. 562, § 1(25), 65 Stat. 639**

Section 25, act May 28, 1926, ch. 415, § 1, 44 Stat. 672, related to transfer of records of United States land office to any State upon closing of last United States land office in that State.

Section 25a, act May 28, 1926, ch. 415, § 2, 44 Stat. 673, related to transfer of field notes and maps of United States land office to any State upon closing of last United States land office in that State.

Section 25b, act May 28, 1926, ch. 415, § 3, 44 Stat. 673, related to requirement that State provide by law for preservation and access of records, field notes, and maps.

See section 3301 et seq. of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

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**§ 31. Director of United States Geological Survey**

**(a) Establishment of office; appointment and duties; examination of geological structure, mineral resources, and products of national domain; prohibitions in respect to lands and surveys**

The Director of the United States Geological Survey, which office is established, under the Interior Department, shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. This officer shall have the direction of the United States Geological Survey, and the classification of the public lands and examination of the geological structure, mineral resources, and products of the national domain. The Director and members of the United States Geological Survey shall have no personal or private interests in the lands or mineral wealth of the region under survey, and shall execute no surveys or examinations for private parties or corporations.

**(b) Examination of geological structure, mineral resources, and products outside national domain**

The authority of the Secretary of the Interior, exercised through the United States Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior, to examine the geological structure, mineral resources, and products of the national domain, is expanded to authorize such examinations outside the national domain where determined by the Secretary to be in the national interest.

(Mar. 3, 1879, ch. 182, 20 Stat. 394; Pub. L. 87-626, §§ 1, 2, Sept. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 93-608, § 2(6), Jan. 2, 1975, 88 Stat. 1971; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1000; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, § 1081(e), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 721.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Subsec. (a) of this section is from act Mar. 3, 1879. Subsecs. (b) and (c) of this section are sections 1 and 2, respectively, of Pub. L. 87-626.

Provisions of subsec. (a) of this section which limited the salary of the Director of the Geological Survey to \$6,000 a year were omitted as obsolete. See section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.