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68TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5573

[Report No. 527]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7 (calendar day, APRIL 8), 1924

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys

MAY 12, 1924

Reported by Mr. LADD, with amendments

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AN ACT

Granting certain public lands to the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, for reservoir purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is,
4 authorized and directed to issue patent or patents to the
5 city of Shreveport, Louisiana, for use in the establishment
6 of a reservoir for the water supply of said city, for all those
7 tracts of land within what is known as the Cross Lake area,
8 in townships 17 and 18 north, range 15 west, Louisiana
9 meridian, which may be found by the Secretary of the
10 Interior to have been islands in said Cross Lake at the date
11 the State of Louisiana was admitted to the Union, and to

1 which tracts no legal claims have been initiated and duly
2 maintained under the provisions of the public land laws, and
3 shall be timely asserted as provided herein: *Provided,*
4 That the said city of Shreveport shall pay for said lands at
5 the rate of \$1.25 per acre, and shall tender its application
6 for patent, accompanied by the purchase price of the land,
7 within six months after the approval of this Act, or within
8 a similar period after the acceptance of the official plat or
9 plats or survey if accepted after the date of this Act:
10 *Provided further,* That there shall be reserved to the
11 United States all gas, oil, coal, or other mineral deposits
12 found at any time in the said lands and the right to pros-
13 pect for, mine, and remove the same *upon filing its appli-*
14 *cation by the city, notice thereof shall be published at least*
15 *once each week for thirty days in some newspaper in general*
16 *circulation in the parish in which the land is situated.*

17 SEC. 2. That no claim alleged to have been initiated
18 and maintained under the public land laws adverse to the
19 disposition of said lands as provided for by this Act shall be
20 recognized, *notice being given as hereinbefore provided,*
21 unless regularly presented to the Secretary of the Interior
22 within the period allowed the city of Shreveport to file its
23 application for patent, and no tract to which an adverse
24 claim is asserted shall be patented to the city unless and

1 shall be abandoned for such use it shall revert to the United
2 States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby author-
3 ized and empowered to determine the facts and declare such
4 forfeiture and restore said land to the public domain, and
5 such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive.

Passed the House of Representatives April 7, 1924.

Attest:

WM. TYLER PAGE,

Clerk.

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