

68TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5573

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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

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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.

14 SEC. 2. That no claim alleged to have been initiated  
15 and maintained under the public land laws adverse to the  
16 disposition of said lands as provided for by this Act shall be  
17 recognized unless regularly presented to the Secretary of the  
18 Interior within the period allowed the city of Shreveport to  
19 file its application for patent, and no tract to which an ad-  
20 verse claim is asserted shall be patented to the city unless  
21 and until such claim is finally rejected by the Secretary of  
22 the Interior.

23 SEC. 3. That the lands hereby granted shall be used  
24 by the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, only for the purpose  
25 expressed in the grant, and if said land, or any part thereof,

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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