

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 16, 1924.

Mr. SANDLIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

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 city of
5 Shreveport, Louisiana, for use in the establishment of a reser-
6 voir for the water supply of said city, for all those tracts of
7 land within what is known as the Cross Lake area, in town-
8 ships 17 and 18 north, range 15 west, Louisiana meridian,
9 which may be found by the Secretary of the Interior to have
10 been islands in said Cross Lake at the date the State of Loui-
11 siana was admitted to the Union, and to which tracts no legal
12 claims have been initiated and duly maintained under the
13 provisions of the public land laws, and shall be timely
14 asserted as provided herein: *Provided*, That the said city of

1 Shreveport shall pay for said lands at the rate of \$1.25 per
2 acre, and shall tender its application for patent, accompanied
3 by the purchase price of the land, within six months after
4 the approval of this Act, or within a similar period after the
5 acceptance of the official plat or plats of survey if accepted
6 after the date of this Act.

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

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