

[CHAPTER 496]

AN ACT

To revise the method of issuing patents for public lands.

June 17, 1948
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[Public Law 667]

Patents for public
lands.

Repeals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all patents for public lands shall be issued and signed by the Secretary of the Interior in the name of the United States: *Provided,* That the Secretary may delegate his authority under this Act to officers or employees of the Department of the Interior, but notice of any such delegation shall be given by publication in the Federal Register.

SEC. 2. The following are hereby repealed:

- (a) Section 450, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 8).
- (b) Section 451, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 9).
- (c) Section 458, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 15).
- (d) That part of the Act of June 19, 1878 (20 Stat. 178, 183), which reads as follows: "And the duties prescribed by section of the Revised Statutes numbered four hundred and fifty shall devolve upon and be discharged by one of the executive clerks, to be designated by the President for that purpose."

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