

same before the issuing of the patent, as provided for in this act, such person shall be entitled to all the rights conferred by this act.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, that no individual shall be permitted to make more than one entry under the provisions of this act; and that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby required to prepare and issue, from time to time, such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect, and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive, upon the filing of the first affidavit, the sum of fifty cents each, and a like sum upon the issuing of the final certificate. But this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver. Provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to impair the existing pre-emption, donation or graduation laws, or to embrace lands which have been reserved to be sold or entered at the price of two dollars and fifty cents per acre; but no entry under said graduation act shall be allowed until after proof of actual settlement and cultivation or occupancy for at least three months, as provided for in section 3 of the said act.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, that each actual settler upon lands of the United States which have not been offered at public sale, upon filing his declaration or claim, as now required by law, shall be entitled to two years from the commencement of his occupation or settlement, or, if the lands have not been surveyed, two years from the receipt of the approved plot of such lands at the district land office, within which to complete the proofs of his said claim, and to enter and pay for the land so claimed, at the minimum price of such lands; and where such settlements have already been made in good faith, the claimant shall be entitled to the said period of two years from and after the date of this act. Provided that no claim of pre-emption shall be allowed for more than one hundred and sixty acres, or one quarter section of land; nor shall any such claim be admitted under the provisions of this act, unless there shall have been at least three months of actual and continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land so claimed from the date of settlement, and proof thereof made according to law. Provided, further, that all persons who are pre-emptors on the date of the passage of this act shall, upon the payment of the proper authority of sixty-two and one half cents per acre, if paid within two years