CHAPTER 77.

An act granting to the city of Venice the tidelands and submerged lands of the State of California within the boundaries of the said city.


The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to the city of Venice, a municipal corporation of the State of California, and to its successors, all the right, title and interest of the State of California, held by said state by virtue of its sovereignty, in and to all the tidelands and submerged lands, whether filled or unfilled; provided, that nothing contained herein shall in any way affect any property held or claimed under, through or from a Mexican grant or patent therefor within the present boundaries and jurisdiction of said city, and situated below the line of mean high tide of the Pacific ocean, or of any harbor, estuary, bay or inlet within said boundaries, to be forever held by said city, and by its successors, in trust for the uses and purposes, and upon the express conditions following, to wit:

(a) That said lands shall be used by said city and by its successors, solely for the establishment, improvement and conduct of a harbor, and for the construction, maintenance and operation thereon of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and other utilities, structures and appliances necessary or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and
navigation, and said city, or its successors, shall not, at any
time, grant, convey, give or alien said lands, or any part
thereof, to any individual, firm or corporation for any pur-
pose whatsoever; provided, that said city, or its successors, may
grant franchises thereon, for a period not exceeding twenty-
five years, for wharves and other public uses and purposes,
and may lease said lands, or any part thereof, for a period not
exceeding twenty-five years, for purposes consistent with the
trusts upon which said lands are held by the State of Cali-
ifornia and with the requirements of commerce or navigation
at said harbor;

(b) That said harbor shall be improved by said city without
expense to the state, and shall always remain a public harbor
for all purposes of commerce and navigation, and the State of
California shall have, at all times, the right to use, without
charge, all wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays and other
improvements constructed on said lands, or any part thereof,
for any vessel or other water craft, or railroad, owned or
operated by the State of California;

(c) That in the management, conduct or operation of said
harbor, or of any of the utilities, structures or appliances men-
tioned in paragraph (a), no discrimination in rates, tolls, or
charges, or in facilities, for any use or service in connection
therewith shall ever be made, authorized or permitted by said
city or by its successors;

Reserving, however, in the people of the State of California
the absolute right to fish in the waters of said harbor, with the
right of convenient access to said waters over said lands for
said purpose.

CHAPTER 78.

An act granting certain tidelands and submerged lands of the
State of California to the city of Santa Monica upon certain
trusts and conditions.

[Approved April 19, 1917. In effect July 27, 1917.]

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to the city of Santa
Monica, a municipal corporation of the State of California,
and to its successors, all the right, title and interest of the
State of California, held by said state by virtue of its sov-
ereignty, in and to all the tidelands and submerged lands,
within the present boundaries of said city, and situated below
the line of mean high tide of the Pacific ocean, to be forever
held by said city, and by its successors, in trust for the uses
and purposes, and upon the express conditions following, to wit: