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surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examiners of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *And provided further*, That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in securing the introduction of a bill or the passage thereof through Congress granting pension or increase of pension; and any person who shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain any compensation for such services shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Disabilities to be fully described.

Inspection of reports.

Pension attorneys, etc.

Penalty for receiving, etc., pay for securing special legislation.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

Agents' salaries.

*Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall make inquiry and report to Congress at the beginning of its next regular session the effect of a reduction of the present pension agencies to one such agency upon the economic execution of the pension laws, the prompt and efficient payment of pensioners, and the inconvenience to pensioners, if any, which would result from such reduction. This provision shall not be construed as interfering with or limiting the right or power of the President under existing law in respect to reduction or consolidation of existing pension agencies.

Reduction of agencies.

Report on.

Consolidation of agencies.

For clerk hire, and other services, in the pension agencies, four hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire, and other services, for each agency, shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Clerk hire.

*Proviso.*
Apportionment.

For rent, New York agency, four thousand five hundred dollars.

Rent.

For examination and inspection of pension agencies, as provided by the final provision of the Act of August eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, amending section forty-seven hundred and sixty-six, Revised Statutes, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Inspection, etc., of agencies.
Vol. 32, p. 374.
R. S., sec. 4766, p. 297.

For stationery and other necessary expenses, thirty thousand dollars.

Stationery, etc.

Approved, March 4, 1907, 11 a. m.

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**CHAP. 2921.**—An Act To reinstate Leonard Martin Cox in the Corps of Civil Engineers of the Navy.

March 4, 1907.
[H. R. 25883.]

[Public, No. 256.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to restore, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Leonard Martin Cox, formerly a civil engineer in the United States Navy, to the Corps of Civil Engineers of the Navy, to take rank next after Civil Engineer Fred Thompson: *Provided*, That said Leonard Martin Cox shall establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, by examination pursuant to law, his physical, mental, moral, and professional fitness to perform the duties of that grade: *And provided further*, That the said Leonard Martin Cox shall be carried as an additional to the number of the grade to which he may be appointed under this Act, or at any time thereafter: *And provided further*, That the said Leonard Martin Cox shall not by the passage of this Act be entitled to back pay of any kind.

Navy.
Leonard Martin Cox restored to Corps of Civil Engineers.
Rank.

*Provisos.*
Examination.

Additional to number of grade.

No back pay.

Approved, March 4, 1907, 11 a. m.