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CHAP. 57.—An Act For the relief of soldiers who were discharged from the Army during the World War because of misrepresentation of age.

Army.
Soldiers discharged for fraudulently misrepresenting age on enlisting during World War, may be considered honorably discharged.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the administration of any laws conferring rights, privileges, or benefits upon honorably discharged soldiers of the United States Army, their widows and dependent children, a soldier who was enlisted between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and who was discharged for fraudulent enlistment on account of misrepresentation of his age, shall hereafter be held and considered to have been discharged honorably from the military service on the date of his actual separation therefrom, if his service otherwise was such as would have entitled him to an honorable discharge: *Provided*, That no back pay or allowances shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That in all such cases the War Department shall, upon request, grant to such men or their widows a discharge certificate showing that the soldiers are held and considered to have been honorably discharged under the provisions of this Act.

Provisos.
No back pay, etc.

Certificate of honorable discharge may be granted.

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CHAP. 58.—An Act To establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Designated boards of, abolished.
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Vol. 27, p. 268.

Vol. 25, p. 245.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia, created by Act of Congress June 6, 1900, the Board of Children's Guardians of the District of Columbia, created by Act of Congress July 26, 1892, the board of trustees of the National Training School for Girls, created under the name of the Reform School for Girls, by Act of Congress July 9, 1888, shall be abolished upon the appointment and organization of the Board of Public Welfare, as hereinafter provided.

Board of Public Welfare.
Created as successor to abolished boards.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby created in and for the District of Columbia a Board of Public Welfare, hereinafter called the board, which shall be the legal successor to the boards specified in section 1, and shall succeed to all of the powers, authority, and property and to all the duties and obligations heretofore vested in or imposed by law upon such boards. All employees of the boards specified in section 1 shall become the employees of the board for such time as their services may be deemed necessary, and the unexpended balance of all appropriations heretofore made for such boards, or to be disbursed by them, shall become available for the use and disbursement of the board.

Employees and appropriations transferred.

Composition of board.

SEC. 3. That the board shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for terms of six years, provided that the first appointments made under this Act shall be for the following terms: Three persons shall be appointed for terms of two years; three persons shall be appointed for terms of four years; and three persons shall be appointed for terms of six years. Thereafter all appointments shall be for six years. No person shall be eligible for membership on the board who has not been a legal resident of the District of Columbia for at least three years. Any member of such board may be removed at any time for cause by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Appointments to the board shall be made without discrimination as to sex, color, religion, or political affiliation. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

Terms.

Residence requirements, etc.

No compensation.

Organization, meetings, etc.

SEC. 4. That within ten days after the appointment of its members the board shall meet and elect a chairman, vice chairman, and