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CHAP. 695.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, and Acts in amendment thereof.

Injuries to Government employees.
Vol. 39, p. 743, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, and Acts in amendment thereof, is amended to read as follows:

Medical assistance, etc., at time of injury.

"That for any injury sustained by an employee while in the performance of duty, whether or not disability has arisen, the United States shall furnish to the employee all services, appliances, and supplies prescribed or recommended by duly qualified physicians which, in the opinion of the commission, are likely to cure or to give relief or to reduce the degree or the period of disability or to aid in lessening the amount of the monthly compensation. Such services, appliances, and supplies shall be furnished by or upon the order of United States medical officers and hospitals, but where this is not practicable they shall be furnished by or upon the order of private physicians and hospitals designated or approved by the commission. For the securing of such services, appliances, and supplies, the employee may be furnished transportation, and may be paid all expenses incident to the securing of such services, appliances, and supplies, which, in the opinion of the commission, are necessary and reasonable. All such expenses when authorized or approved by the commission shall be paid from the employees' compensation fund. Any award heretofore made by the commission on account of expenses incurred under section 9 of the Act of September 7, 1916, prior to the passage of this Act, shall be valid, if such award would be valid if made on account of expenses incurred under this section after the passage of this Act."

Orders from medical officers.

Transportation for treatment, etc.

Payment from compensation fund.

Awards validated.
Vol. 39, p. 743.

Examinations.
Vol. 39, p. 747, amended.

SEC. 2. That section 21 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," is amended to read as follows:

Submissions to medical examinations required.

"SEC. 21. That after the injury the employee shall, as frequently and at such times and places as may be reasonably required, submit himself to examination by a medical officer of the United States or by a duly qualified physician designated or approved by the commission. The employee may have a duly qualified physician designated and paid by him present to participate in such examination. If the employee refuses to submit himself for or in any way obstructs any examination, his right to claim compensation under this Act shall be suspended until such refusal or obstruction ceases. No compensation shall be payable while such refusal or obstruction continues, and the period of such refusal or obstruction shall be deducted from the period for which compensation is payable to him.

Suspension of pay, on refusal.

Payment to employee for transportation, etc., expenses.

"For any examination required by the commission the employee shall be paid all expenses incident to such examination which, in the opinion of the commission, are necessary and reasonable, including transportation and loss of wages incurred in order to submit to examination. All such expenses when authorized or approved by the commission shall be paid from the employees' compensation fund."

Examination fees.
Vol. 39, p. 747, amended.

SEC. 3. That section 23 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. That fees for examinations made on the part of the United States under sections 21 and 22 by physicians who are not already in the service of the United States shall be fixed by the commission. Such fees, and any sum payable to the employee under section 21, when authorized or approved by the commission, shall be paid from the employees' compensation fund." Payment to physicians not in Government service.

Approved, June 26, 1926.

CHAP. 696.—An Act To divide the eastern district of South Carolina into four divisions and the western district into five divisions. June 26, 1926. [S. 3028.] [Public, No. 433.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the eastern district of South Carolina is divided into four divisions, to be known as the Aiken, Charleston, Columbia, and Florence divisions. The Aiken division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton. The Charleston division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, and Jasper. The Columbia division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Calhoun, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, and Sumter. The Florence division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg. The terms of the district court for the Aiken division shall be held at Aiken, for the Charleston division at Charleston, for the Columbia division at Columbia, and for the Florence division at Florence. South Carolina judicial districts. Eastern district. Vol. 37, p. 61, amended. Aiken division. Charleston division. Columbia division. Florence division. Terms. Vol. 43, p. 801, amended.

SEC. 2. The western district of South Carolina is divided into five divisions, to be known as the Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Rock Hill, and Spartanburg divisions. The Anderson division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens. The Greenville division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Greenville and Laurens. The Greenwood division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda. The Rock Hill division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, and York. The Spartanburg division shall include the territory embraced in the counties of Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union. The terms of the district court for the Anderson division shall be held at Anderson, for the Greenville division at Greenville, for the Greenwood division at Greenwood, for the Rock Hill division at Rock Hill, and for the Spartanburg division at Spartanburg. Western district. Vol. 37, p. 60, amended. Anderson division. Greenville division. Greenwood division. Rock Hill division. Spartanburg division. Terms. Vol. 43, p. 801, amended.

SEC. 3. That all criminal cases shall be tried in the division in which the offense was committed, unless upon proper showing the venue would be changed by the judge from one division to another, and this change be made only upon affidavits and motion made in open court after four days' notice to the adverse party. Trials of criminal cases.

Approved, June 26, 1926.

CHAP. 697.—An Act Authorizing the construction by the Secretary of Commerce of a power-plant building on the present site of the Bureau of Standards in the District of Columbia. June 26, 1926. [S. 4221.] [Public, No. 434.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce be, and he is hereby, authorized to contract for the Standards Bureau. Power-plant building on site of, authorized.