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Whenever in any case the basic qualifications of any already existing grade or subdivision of a service are by this Act made the basic qualifications of a higher grade or subdivision, the positions of all employees in said existing grade or subdivision are by this Act advanced to said higher grade or subdivision of a service.

Employees advanced when their grade made basic of higher grade.

SEC. 2. Upon the passage of this Act the board shall forthwith make a survey of the classes of civilian positions in the various field services, exclusive of the Postal Service, Foreign Service, and employees in the mechanical and drafting groups whose wages are now or have heretofore been fixed by wage boards or similar authority, and shall present a report to Congress at its first regular session following the passage of this Act, such report to contain: (a) Compensation schedules for such classes of positions, which shall follow the principles and general form of the compensation schedules contained in the Classification Act of 1923; (b) such additional services and grades as may be necessary according to the fields of work peculiar to the establishments concerned; (c) adequate descriptions of all the classes of positions within the scope of this Act, including the title of the class, a statement of its characteristic duties and responsibilities, illustrated where desirable by examples of typical tasks or of typical positions included in the class, a statement of the minimum qualifications as to education, experience, knowledge, and ability required for the satisfactory performance of the duties and the discharge of the responsibilities of the class and the salary rates for the class; (d) a list prepared by the head of each department, after consultation with the board, and in accordance with a uniform procedure prescribed by it, showing the allocation of all positions covered by this Act to their respective classes and grades and fixing the proposed rate of compensation of each employee thereunder in accordance with the rules prescribed in section 6 of the Classification Act of 1923; (e) recommendations as to principles and procedures for putting such compensation schedules into effect, for assuring uniform compensation of like positions under like employment and local economic conditions, and for carrying out the administrative steps necessary to keep the descriptions of classes and the allocations of positions to classes current accordingly as positions may be abolished or created or their duties or responsibilities changed; and (f) such statistical or other information as is necessary or desirable in exposition of the board's findings of fact as a result of its survey, or in explanation of its recommendations.

Survey directed of classes of positions in field services.

Report to be made.

Compensation schedules for.

Additional services and grades.

Detailed description of all classes of positions, qualifications, etc.

List of allocation of all positions, etc., in each department.

Vol. 42, p. 1490.

Recommendations for assuring uniform compensation under like employment, etc.

Statistical information, etc.

SEC. 3. The heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments are authorized to adjust the compensation of certain civilian positions in the field services, the compensation of which was adjusted by the Act of December 6, 1924, to correspond, so far as may be practicable, to the rates established by this Act for positions in the departmental services in the District of Columbia.

Adjustment of field services pay to correspond with this Act.
Vol. 43, p. 704.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to employees in the Government Printing Office whose rates of pay are set under authority of the "Act to regulate and fix rates of pay for employees and officers of the Government Printing Office," approved June 7, 1924. (United States Code, page 1417, section 40.)

Government Printing Office employees not affected hereby.
Vol. 43, p. 658.

U. S. Code, p. 1417.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1928.

Effective, July 1, 1928.

Approved, May 28, 1928.

May 28, 1928.
[H. R. 11471.]
[Public, No. 556.]

CHAP. 815.—An Act Extending the time of construction payments on the Rio Grande Federal irrigation project, New Mexico-Texas.

Rio Grande Irrigation project, N. Mex.-Tex.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to enter

Amended contracts with irrigation districts, extending time for paying first construction charges.

into amended contracts with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, of New Mexico, and El Paso County Water Improvement District Numbered 1, of Texas, whereby, after the payment of the first four annual installments, as now provided for in existing contracts, upon the construction charge under the Rio Grande Federal irrigation project, New Mexico-Texas, the remaining unpaid construction charge per irrigable acre shall be payable annually in installments of $3.60.

Charge per acre.

Payments continued until total paid.

SEC. 2. These annual payments shall continue until the total construction charge against said districts is paid.

Existing contracts continued except as herein modified.

SEC. 3. The existing contracts between the United States and Elephant Butte Irrigation District, of New Mexico, and between the United States and El Paso County Water Improvement District Numbered 1 shall remain unaltered except as herein otherwise directed.

Approved, May 28, 1928.

May 28, 1928.
[H. R. 13446.]
[Public, No. 557.]

CHAP. 816.—An Act To amend the National Defense Act.

Rifle practice.
Vol. 44, p. 1095, amended.
Vol. 39, p. 211.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act for the promotion of rifle practice throughout the United States," approved February 14, 1927 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 1095), which adds an additional paragraph to section 113 of the National Defense Act, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Annual national matches to be held.

"That there shall be held an annual competition, known as the national matches, for the purpose of competing for a national trophy, medals, and other prizes to be provided, together with a small-arms firing school, which competition and school shall be held annually under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War."

Rifle and pistol matches for national trophy, etc.

Competing organizations.

SEC. 2. The national matches contemplated in this Act shall consist of rifle and pistol matches for the national trophy, medals, and other prizes mentioned in section 1 above, to be open to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, or Organized Militia of the several States, Territories, and District of Columbia, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and the citizens' military training camps, rifle clubs, and civilians, together with a small-arms firing school to be connected therewith and competitions for which trophies and medals are provided by the National Rifle Association of America; and for the cost and expenditures required for and incident to the conduct of the same, including the personal expenses of the members of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, the sum necessary for the above-named purposes is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually as a part of the total sum appropriated for national defense:

Sum authorized annually as part of appropriation for national defense.

Provisos.
Limitation on commutation of rations, etc.

Provided, That no competitor shall be entitled to commutation of rations in excess of $1.50 per day, and when meals are furnished no greater expenses than that sum per man per day for the period the contest is in progress: *Provided further*, That in lieu of traveling expense and commutation of rations while traveling the sum of 5 cents per mile may be paid to civilian competitors, and such travel pay for the return trip may be paid in advance of the performance of the travel.

Travel pay to civilian competitors.

National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice.
Sum authorized annually for incidental expenses of.

SEC. 3. For the incidental expenses of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, including books, pamphlets, badges, trophies, prizes, and medals to be expended for such purposes, the sum of not more than $7,500 is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually.

Approved, May 28, 1928.