

SEC. 15. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and accomplish the purposes of this Act and said Convention.

Appropriations au-  
thorized.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

[CHAPTER 252.]

AN ACT

An Act<sup>1</sup> to amend section 10 and repeal section 16 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the distribution, promotion, retirement, and discharge of commissioned officers of the Marine Corps, and for other purposes", approved May 29, 1934 (48 Stat. 811), and for other purposes.

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 4016.]

[Public, No. 536.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the distribution, promotion, retirement, and discharge of commissioned officers of the Marine Corps, and for other purposes", approved May 29, 1934 (48 Stat. 811), as provides: "and officers in the upper four-sevenths of the grades below brigadier general, subject to selection as established by the first section of this Act, shall be eligible for consideration by selection boards and for promotion without regard to length of service in grade: *Provided*, That no officer of the Marine Corps shall be ineligible for consideration for promotion by reason of completion of length of commissioned service until he shall have been once considered by a selection board", is hereby amended to read as follows: "and until January 1, 1938, officers in the upper three-sevenths of the grades below brigadier general, subject to selection as established by the first section of this Act, shall be eligible for consideration by selection boards without regard to length of service in grade: *Provided*, That hereafter no officer of the Marine Corps shall be ineligible for consideration by a selection board or for promotion by reason of completion of length of commissioned service or because of age without having at least once been considered by a selection board, and any officer of the Marine Corps now on a promotion list shall be eligible for promotion unless removed from said list in accordance with existing law: *Provided further*, That officers of the Marine Corps of the grade of second lieutenant and above, except those appointed or serving as major general commandant, as assistant to the major general commandant, as the head of a staff department, or whose names appear on an eligible list for appointment as head of a staff department, shall not serve on duty in the Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, District of Columbia, more than four out of any eight consecutive years unless the President shall determine that the public interests so require."

Marine Corps, com-  
missioned officers.  
Vol. 48, p. 812; U. S.  
C., p. 1554.  
Promotions regard-  
less of length of service  
in grade.

*Proviso.*  
No officer ineligible  
for promotion until at  
least once considered  
by selection board.

Service at Headquar-  
ters.

SEC. 2. That section 16 of the said Act of May 29, 1934 (48 Stat. 811), be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Section repealed.  
Vol. 48, p. 813; U. S.  
C., p. 1554.

SEC. 3. That officers of the Marine Corps in the grades of lieutenant colonel and major, who prior to June 30, 1935, completed the designated periods of service for their respective grades, shall retain their eligibility for consideration for selection until June 30, 1936, and such officers who on that date are not on a promotion or retention list shall be transferred to the retired list: *Provided*, That a duly constituted selection board appointed as provided by law shall be convened immediately after the approval of this Act which board, in recommending for selection for promotion the number of officers of the grades of lieutenant colonel and major directed

Lieutenant colonels  
and majors.

Selection for promo-  
tion, etc., and retire-  
ment of.

*Proviso.*  
Selection board, im-  
mediate convening of,  
recommendations, etc.

<sup>1</sup> So in original.

by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with law, shall recommend, from the officers now on the active list in those grades, four officers of the grade of lieutenant colonel and nine officers of the grade of major, who held commissions in those grades, respectively, on May 28, 1934.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

## [CHAPTER 253.]

## AN ACT

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 9273.]  
[Public, No. 537.]

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Weldon Spring, Missouri.

Missouri River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, at Weldon  
Spring, Mo.  
Vol. 46, p. 1498; Vol.  
48, p. 357.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at or near Weldon Spring, Missouri, authorized to be built by the State Highway Commission of Missouri, by an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1931, heretofore extended by an Act of Congress approved February 24, 1934, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from March 3, 1936.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 1, 1936.

## [CHAPTER 254.]

## AN ACT

May 1, 1936.  
[H. R. 9866.]  
[Public, No. 538.]

To extend certain provisions of the Act approved June 18, 1934, commonly known as the Wheeler-Howard Act (Public Law Numbered 383, Seventy-third Congress, 48 Stat. 984), to the Territory of Alaska, to provide for the designation of Indian reservations in Alaska, and for other purposes.

Indians, Alaska.  
Certain home rule,  
etc., provisions extend-  
ed to.  
Vol. 48, pp. 984, 988.  
U. S. C., p. 1031.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 1, 5, 7, 8, 15, 17, and 19 of the Act entitled "An Act to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes", approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), shall hereafter apply to the Territory of Alaska: *Provided*, That groups of Indians in Alaska not heretofore recognized as bands or tribes, but having a common bond of occupation, or association, or residence within a well-defined neighborhood, community, or rural district, may organize to adopt constitutions and bylaws and to receive charters of incorporation and Federal loans under sections 16, 17, and 10 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

*Proviso.*  
Groups not previous-  
ly recognized as bands  
or tribes.

Vol. 48, pp. 987, 988,  
986.

Designation of cer-  
tain areas as Indian  
reservations.  
Vol. 23, p. 26; Vol. 26,  
p. 1101.  
U. S. C., p. 2131.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to designate as an Indian reservation any area of land which has been reserved for the use and occupancy of Indians or Eskimos by section 8 of the Act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 26), or by section 14 or section 15 of the Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1101), or which has been heretofore reserved under any executive order and placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior or any bureau thereof, together with additional public lands adjacent thereto, within the Territory of Alaska, or any other public lands which are actually occupied by Indians or Eskimos within said