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archives of the Department of State of the United States, and a duly certified copy shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory States.

"This compact shall become effective when ratified and approved as provided in Article I. Any oil-producing State may become a party hereto by affixing its signature to a counterpart to be similarly deposited, certified and ratified.

"Done in the City of Dallas, Texas, this sixteenth day of February, 1935.

"And whereas, it is desired to extend and renew said Compact for the period of two (2) years from September 1, 1937, its expiration date;

"Now, therefore, this writing witnesseth:

"It is hereby agreed that the said Compact entitled 'An interstate compact to conserve oil and gas' executed in the City of Dallas, Texas, on the 16th day of February, 1935, and now on deposit with the Department of State of the United States, a correct copy of which appears above, be, and the same is hereby, extended for a period of two (2) years from September 1, 1937, its date of expiration, this agreement to become effective within those States joining herein when executed by any three of the States of Texas, Oklahoma, California, Kansas and New Mexico, and consent thereto is given by Congress.

"The signatory States execute this agreement in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Department of State of the United States and a duly certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory States.

"Executed as of this the 10th day of May, 1937, by the several undersigned States, at their several Capitols, through their proper officials thereunto duly authorized by resolutions or statutes of the several States."

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of section 1 is hereby expressly reserved.

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Approved, August 10, 1937.

[CHAPTER 573]

AN ACT

To provide retirement annuities for certain former employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad Company on the Isthmus of Panama.

August 10, 1937
[S. 81]
[Public, No. 251]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 103 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code, approved June 19, 1934, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

Canal Zone Code, amendment.
48 Stat. 1122.

"Any citizen of the United States separated from the service of either the Panama Canal or the Panama Railroad Company on the Isthmus of Panama subsequent to August 1, 1920, and before July 1, 1926, not by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency, upon making the necessary contributions to the retirement and disability funds as provided in this article and who meets the requirements as to age and service set forth in said section 103 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code, approved June 19, 1934, shall be entitled to an annuity computed in accordance with the provisions of this article, notwithstanding the fact that his separation from the service occurred prior to the existence of any retirement Act applicable to employees of the Panama Canal or the Panama Railroad on the Isthmus of Panama: *Provided*, That such annuity shall be payable only from the date of enactment of this Act."

Retirement annuities to certain former employees of Panama Canal, etc.

Proviso.
No prior benefits.

Approved, August 10, 1937.