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Expenditures subject to approval of Secretary of State.

Delegation of authority.

Limitation.

Audit of accounts, etc.

the Treasury of the United States. All expenditures shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State and payable upon his certification: *Provided further*, That he is authorized in his discretion to delegate this authority to the commissioner or such other officer as he may deem advisable. Such expenditures shall not be subject to the provisions of any law regulating or limiting expenditure of public money other than this resolution, but this provision shall not be construed to waive the submission of accounts and vouchers to the General Accounting Office for audit, or permit any indebtedness to be incurred in excess of the amount authorized to be appropriated.

Exhibits by Government agencies.

SEC. 5. The heads of the various executive departments and independent offices and establishments of the Government are authorized and directed to assist the Secretary of State, or such other officers of the Government as may be designated or appointed by the Secretary of State, to assemble the exhibit, in the procurement, installation, and display of an exhibit, or exhibits; to lend such materials, articles, manuscripts, documents, papers, specimens, and exhibits as the Secretary of State shall deem to be in the interest of the United States in carrying out the purposes of this resolution; and to contract for such labor or other services as may be requested by the Secretary of State, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5).

R. S. § 3709.
41 U. S. C. § 5.

Acceptance of contributions of materials.

Return or disposal at close of exhibition.

SEC. 6. The commissioner or officer in charge of the preparation of the exhibit, with the approval of the Secretary of State, may receive from any source contributions of material to aid in carrying out the general purposes of this resolution, and at the close of the exhibition or when the connection of the Government of the United States therewith ceases shall, under the direction of the Secretary of State, return the articles so contributed to the source from which they came, or dispose of them, or such portion thereof as may be unused, and account therefor.

Payment of designated expenses from appropriation herein authorized.

SEC. 7. Any expenses incident to the restoration of any of the property assembled under the provisions of this resolution, to such a condition which will permit its use at subsequent exhibitions or celebrations, and for the continued employment of personnel necessary to close out the fiscal and other records and to prepare the reports, may be paid from the appropriation authorized herein.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to transmit to the Congress within six months after the close of the exhibition a detailed statement of all expenditures, together with such other reports as may be deemed proper, which reports shall be prepared and arranged with a view to concise statement and convenient reference.

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 550]

August 7, 1939
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[Public, No. 323]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States", approved June 29, 1936, and for other purposes.

Alaska Railroad Retirement Act, amendments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States", approved June 29, 1936, is amended to read as follows:

49 Stat. 2023.
5 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 745j (c).

Annuitant dying before receiving amount to his credit.

"(c) In case an annuitant shall die without having received in annuities purchased by the employee's contributions as provided in

(2) of section 6 of this Act an amount equal to the total amount to his credit at time of retirement, the amount remaining to his credit and any accrued annuity shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, in the following order of precedence: *Ante*, p. 1246.

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in writing by such annuitant and recorded on his individual account; Payments, order of precedence.

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of such annuitant;

"Third, if there be no such beneficiary, or executor or administrator, payment may be made, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of the death of the annuitant, to such person or persons as may appear in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission to be legally entitled thereto, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person.

"In the case of an annuitant who has elected to receive an increased annuity as provided in section 6 of this Act, the amount to be paid under the provisions of this subsection shall be only the accrued annuity." Increased annuity at employee's option.

49 Stat. 2020.
5 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 745e.

SEC. 2. Subsection (d) of said section 11 is amended to read as follows: 49 Stat. 2023.
5 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 745j (d).

"(d) In case an employee shall die without having attained eligibility for retirement or without having established a valid claim for annuity, the total amount of his deductions with interest thereon shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, in the following order of precedence: Death before attaining eligibility or establishing claim for annuity.

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in writing by such employee and recorded on his individual account; Payments, order of precedence.

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of such employee;

"Third, if there be no such beneficiary or executor or administrator, payment may be made, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of the death of the employee, to such person or persons as may appear in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission to be legally entitled thereto, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person."

SEC. 3. Subsection (e) of said section 11 is amended to read as follows: 49 Stat. 2023.
5 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 745j (e).

"(e) In case a former employee entitled to the return of the amount credited to his individual account shall become legally incompetent, the total amount due may be paid to a duly appointed guardian or committee of such former employee. If the amount of refund due such former employee does not exceed $1,000, and if there has been no demand upon the Civil Service Commission by a duly appointed guardian or committee, payment may be made, after the expiration of thirty days from date of separation from the service, to such a person or persons, in the discretion of the Commission, who may have the care and custody of such former employee, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person." Former employee becoming legally incompetent; payments.

SEC. 4. Subsection (f) of said section 11 is amended to read as follows: 49 Stat. 2023.
5 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 745j (f).

"(f) Each employee or annuitant to whom this Act applies may, under regulations prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom shall be paid, upon the death of the employee or annuitant any sum remaining to his credit (including any accrued annuity) under the provisions of this Act." Designation of beneficiary.

SEC. 5. This Act shall become effective as of the thirtieth day following the date of its enactment. Effective date.

Approved, August 7, 1939.