mand, such functions may be performed by the commanding general of such distant command in all cases in which the board of review in such branch office is empowered to act and in which the commanding general of such distant command is not the appointing or confirming authority."

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 543]

AN ACT

To amend section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, is hereby further amended to change the salary rates and definitions of certain grades therein, and the title and definition of the custodial service to read as follows:

"SUBPROFESSIONAL SERVICE"

"Grade 1: The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,200, $1,260, $1,320, $1,380, $1,440, $1,500, and $1,560.

"Grade 2: The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,320, $1,380, $1,440, $1,500, $1,560, $1,620, and $1,680.

"CRAFTS, PROTECTIVE, AND CUSTODIAL SERVICE"

"The crafts, protective, and custodial service shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to supervise or perform the work of an apprentice, helper, or journeyman in a recognized trade or craft, or other skilled mechanical craft, or the work of an unskilled or skilled laborer, or police or fire protection work, or domestic or other manual or mechanical work involved in the protection, operation, or maintenance of public buildings, premises, and equipment; the transportation of public officers, employees, and property; the transmission of official papers; the guarding of persons in the custody of the Government, and caring for their domestic needs and those of persons in the employ or care of the Government.

"Grade 1 in this service, which may be referred to as the junior messenger grade, shall include all classes of positions, the duties of which are to run errands, to check parcels, or to perform other light manual or mechanical tasks with little or no responsibility.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $730, $780, $840, $900, and $960.

"Grade 2 in this service, which may be referred to as the office-laborer grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to handle desks, mail sacks, and other heavy objects, and to perform similar work ordinarily required of unskilled laborers to operate elevators; to clean office rooms; or to perform other work of similar character.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,320, $1,380, $1,440, and $1,500: Provided, That charwomen working part time be paid at the rate of 65 cents an hour, and head charwomen at the rate of 70 cents an hour.

"Grade 3 in this service, which may be referred to as the minor crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to perform, under immediate supervision, custodial, or manual office work with some degree of responsibility, such as operating paper-cutting, canceling, envelope-opening, or envelope-sealing machines; firing and keeping up steam in boilers used for heating purposes in office buildings, cleaning boilers, and..."
 prophecy grade.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,320, $1,380, $1,440, $1,500, $1,560, and $1,620.

"Grade 4 in this service, which may be referred to as the under crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to perform, under general supervision, custodial work of a responsible character, such as guarding office or storage buildings; supervising a small force of unskilled laborers; firing and keeping up steam in heating apparatus and operating the boilers and other equipment used for heating purposes; or performing general, semimechanical, new, or repair work requiring some skill with hand tools.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,500, $1,560, $1,620, $1,680, $1,740, $1,800, and $1,860.

"Grade 5 in this service, which may be referred to as the junior crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to directly supervise a small detachment of watchmen or building guards; to supervise the operation and maintenance of a small heating plant and its auxiliary equipment; or to perform other work of similar character.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,680, $1,740, $1,800, $1,860, $1,920, $1,980, and $2,040.

"Grade 6 in this service, which may be referred to as the assistant crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to have general supervision over a small force of watchmen or building guards, or to have direction of a considerable detachment of such employees; to supervise a large force of unskilled laborers; to repair office appliances; or to perform other work of similar character.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $1,860, $1,920, $1,980, $2,040, $2,100, $2,160, and $2,220.

"Grade 7 in this service, which may be referred to as the main crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to supervise the work of skilled mechanics; to supervise the operation and maintenance of a large heating, lighting, and power plant and all auxiliary mechanical and electrical devices and equipment; to assist in the supervision of large forces of watchmen and building guards, or to have general supervision over smaller forces; or to perform other work of similar character.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $2,040, $2,100, $2,160, $2,220, $2,300, $2,400, and $2,500.

"Grade 8 in this service, which may be referred to as the senior crafts, protective, and custodial grade, shall include all classes of positions the duties of which are to direct supervisory and office assistants, mechanics, watchmen, elevator conductors, laborers, janitors, messengers, and other employees engaged in the custodial, maintenance, and protection of a small building, or to assist in the direction of such employees when engaged in similar duties in a large building; to have general supervision over large forces of watchmen and building guards; or to perform other work of equal difficulty and responsibility.

"The annual rates of compensation for positions in this grade shall be $2,200, $2,300, $2,400, $2,500, $2,600, $2,700, and $2,800."
SEC. 2. (a) Until such time as the provisions of title II of the Act of November 26, 1940 (Public, Numbered 880, Seventy-sixth Congress), become effective, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments having field positions in the grades affected by this Act, the compensation of which is required to be fixed in accordance with section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, are authorized and directed to adjust such compensation to conform to the rates established for such grades under this Act.

(b) Section 3 (d) (viii) of the Act of November 26, 1940 (Public, Numbered 880, Seventy-sixth Congress), as amended by the Act of August 1, 1941 (Public, Numbered 200, Seventy-seventh Congress), is hereby further amended by deleting therefrom the words "and laborers".

(c) Upon the passage of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall allocate to the services and grades of the compensation schedules of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the positions of laborers heretofore covered by the Act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 955), as amended, in the same manner as other positions in the field service of the Treasury Department are allocated under section 2 of the Act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1005).

(d) Nothing contained in subsections (b) or (c) of this section shall be construed to decrease the existing compensation of any employee, but when his position shall become vacant it shall be filled in accordance with the regular compensation schedule applicable to such position.

SEC. 3. In adjusting initially the rates of pay of employees affected by the provisions of this Act, the rules prescribed by section 6 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, shall govern: Provided, That existing allocations of positions previously made by the Civil Service Commission in the custodial service shall be used for initial pay-adjustment purposes under this Act and shall remain in effect until changed by the Civil Service Commission under provisions of this Act: Provided further, That in the case of positions subject to the allocation jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission, and allocable to new grades six, seven, eight, nine, and ten of the professional and scientific service or new grades thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, and seventeen of the clerical, administrative, and fiscal service, no such position shall be allocated to any of such new grades nor any incumbent paid any increased rate under this Act, unless and until the position concerned has been finally allocated to such grade by the Civil Service Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Act: And provided further, That nothing contained in this Act shall operate to decrease the pay of any present employee.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this Act into effect.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect...

Approved, August 1, 1942.

[CHAPTER 544]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore on the Great Lakes during 1942", approved January 27, 1942 (Public Law 416, Seventy-seventh Congress), to continue it in force during the existing war.

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 authorizing vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore on the Great Lakes during 1942", approved January 27,