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Terms of district court.

Clerks' offices.

southern division of said district. Terms of the district court for the northern division shall be held at Bellingham on the first Tuesdays in April and October; at Seattle on the first Tuesdays in May and November; and for the southern division, at Tacoma on the first Tuesdays in February and July. The clerks of the courts for the eastern and western districts shall maintain an office in charge of himself or a deputy at each place in their respective districts where terms of court are required to be held."

Approved December 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 597]

AN ACT

December 28, 1945
[H. R. 3759]
[Public Law 277]

To provide the Navy with a system of laws for the settlement of claims uniform with that of the Army.

Damage claims, Navy Department or Navy.
Powers of Secretary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy and his designees are authorized to exercise with respect to any claim against the United States for damages to or loss or destruction of property, real or personal, or for personal injury or death, caused by military personnel or civilian employees of the Navy Department, or of the Navy while acting within the scope of their employment, or otherwise incident to noncombat activities of the Navy Department or of the Navy, the respective powers conferred upon the Secretary of War and his designees by the Act of July 3, 1943 (57 Stat. 372) as amended by the Act of May 29, 1945 (Public Law 67, Seventy-ninth Congress).

31 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 223b, 223c, 215–217, 222a, 222b.
Ante, p. 225.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy and his designees are further authorized to exercise with respect to claims of military personnel or civilian employees of the Navy Department or of the Navy for damages to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of personal property occurring incident to their service, the respective powers conferred upon the Secretary of War and his designees by the Act of May 29, 1945 (Public Law 67, Seventy-ninth Congress).

Ante, p. 225.

Availability of appropriations.

SEC. 3. Such appropriations as may be required for the payment of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized. Appropriations available to the Navy Department shall be available for the settlement of claims by the Secretary of the Navy or his designees under the provisions of this Act.

31 U. S. C. §§ 215–217; Supp. IV, §§ 215–217 notes.
34 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 984–989.
Ante, p. 578.

SEC. 4. The Act of December 28, 1922 (42 Stat. 1066), shall be inapplicable to the Navy Department sixty days after approval of this Act, and the Act approved October 27, 1943 (57 Stat. 582), is hereby repealed.

Approved December 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 598]

AN ACT

December 28, 1945
[H. R. 3995]
[Public Law 278]

To extend the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1945, providing for an adjustment of salaries of the Metropolitan Police, the United States Park Police, the White House Police, and the members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, to pilots and marine engineers of the Fire Department.

D. C. Fire Department.
Pilots and marine engineers.
Ante, p. 471.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for an adjustment of salaries of the Metropolitan Police, the United States Park Police, the White House Police, and the members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, to conform with the increased cost of living in the District of Columbia", approved July 14, 1945, is repealed.