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SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect as of the first day of the calendar month in which it is enacted.

Approved December 28, 1945.

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[CHAPTER 599]

AN ACT

To amend section 74 of the Judicial Code, as amended, to change the terms of the District Court for the District of Connecticut.

December 28, 1945
[H. R. 4100]
[Public Law 279]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 74 of the Judicial Code, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Connecticut judicial district.
36 Stat. 1108.
28 U. S. C. § 147.

"The State of Connecticut shall constitute one judicial district to be known as the 'district of Connecticut'. Terms of the district court shall be held at New Haven on the second Tuesday in February and the third Tuesday in September; and at Hartford on the second Tuesday in May and the first Tuesday in December."

Terms of district court.

Approved December 28, 1945.

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[CHAPTER 600]

AN ACT

To authorize an investigation of means of increasing the capacity and security of the Panama Canal.

December 28, 1945
[H. R. 4480]
[Public Law 280]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Governor of the Panama Canal, under the supervision of the Secretary of War, is hereby authorized and directed to make a comprehensive review and study, with approximate estimates of costs, of the means for increasing the capacity and security of the Panama Canal to meet future needs of interoceanic commerce and national defense, including restudy of the construction of additional facilities for the Panama Canal authorized by the Act approved August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1409). He shall also make such study without drafting plans or sketches as he may deem desirable to permit him to determine whether a canal or canals at other locations, including consideration of any new means of transporting ships across land, may be more useful to meet the future needs of interoceanic commerce or national defense than can the present canal with improvements. He shall report thereon to the Congress, through the Secretary of War and the President, not later than December 31, 1947.

Panama Canal.
Study authorized and directed.

48 U. S. C. § 1307 note.

Report.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary to insure the prompt and efficient completion of the study and report authorized hereunder.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved December 28, 1945.

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[CHAPTER 601]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of additional commissioned officers in the Regular Army, and for other purposes.

December 28, 1945
[H. R. 4587]
[Public Law 281]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it is hereby declared the policy of the Congress to provide for the immediate selection for appointment in the Regular Army in a fair and equitable manner of a limited number of persons who, by their outstanding performance of duties while serving as temporary officers of the Army of the United States during the present wars, have demonstrated their

Regular Army.
Policy of Congress.