

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, the United States Weather Bureau, and other agencies since 1941; and
Whereas said research has produced results not only of direct military application in the war emergency but also of value as a contribution to scientific knowledge; and
Whereas there is a necessity for indefinite continuation of geophysical research in the Arctic in the postwar period; and
Whereas geophysical exploration can lead to increases in supplies and reserves of important minerals and can furnish information of direct value both for military and nonmilitary projects; and
Whereas the University of Alaska, because of its unique location and the work it has accomplished in the past, is a logical site for a permanent geophysical research station: Now, therefore,
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed the sum of \$975,000 for the construction and establishment of a geophysical institute at the University of Alaska, College, Alaska: *Provided,* That not to exceed 20 per centum of the funds herein authorized shall be expended for construction of housing accommodations to be used by the personnel carrying out the program: *Provided further,* That, subject to the then existing security regulations, the facilities of the institute shall be extended, without charge, to the duly qualified and authorized representatives of the Federal departments engaged in geophysical research who shall have priority in the use of the housing accommodations constructed as a part of said geophysical institute: *Provided further,* That in the discretion of the director the facilities of the institute may be extended, without charge, to the duly qualified and authorized representatives of nonprofit scientific societies engaged in geophysical research: *Provided further,* That in the discretion of the director said facilities may be used by others engaged in geophysical research, under such terms and conditions as said director may specify: *Provided further,* That all funds derived from the operation of said geophysical institute shall be used in geophysical research: *And provided further,* That no portion of the funds herein authorized shall be expended for maintenance of the buildings constructed, it being an express condition of this grant that the University of Alaska undertake to furnish heat, light, water, electric power, and custodial service, and to staff the institute with (1) a director, whose appointment by the regents of the University upon the recommendation of the president of the university shall be with the approval of the president of the National Academy of Sciences; (2) a librarian; and (3) a secretary.

SEC. 2. All buildings and equipment constructed or acquired with funds herein authorized shall, upon the establishment of the institute, become the property of the University of Alaska.

Approved July 31, 1946.

[CHAPTER 720]

AN ACT

To provide for the uniform administration of efficiency ratings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no employee in any civilian position in the executive branch of the Government of the United States, other than an employee in or under the field service of the Post Office Department or any employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority, shall be rated as to efficiency except under a system of efficiency ratings approved by the Civil Service Commission, and

Establishment of
geophysical institute.
Appropriation au-
thorized.

Housing.

Use of facilities.

Funds derived
from operation.
Maintenance.

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Efficiency ratings of
Government employ-
ees.

42 Stat. 1490.
5 U. S. C. § 669;
Supp. V, § 669.

Rules and regula-
tions.

Effective date.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674;
Supp. V, § 661 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 216, 219.

5 U. S. C. § 669;
Supp. V, § 669.

that the provisions of section 9 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, or as may be hereafter amended, shall apply to all efficiency ratings under rating systems approved by the Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service Commission is hereby authorized to make and publish rules and regulations for the administration of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective upon enactment, except that, with respect to employees in the field services whose positions are not subject to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, such of the provisions of section 9 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, as require the Civil Service Commission to approve reductions in compensation and dismissals for inefficiency, or confer the right to a hearing and review of efficiency ratings by boards of review, shall not become effective until such boards of review in the field services are established as provided in section 7 of the Act of November 26, 1940 (54 Stat. 1215), under regulations prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, with the approval of the President.

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[CHAPTER 721]

AN ACT

To amend section 21 of the Act of May 28, 1896 (29 Stat. 184; 28 U. S. C., sec. 597), prescribing fees of United States commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 21 of the Act of May 28, 1896 (ch. 252, 29 Stat. 184, 28 U. S. C., sec. 597), be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. The fees of United States commissioners for the following services in connection with criminal cases shall be as provided in the following subdivisions of this section. The additional compensation provided for by section 521 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended by section 6 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1946, shall apply to the fees for the specified services prescribed in this Act.

"(a) In each case in which a complaint in writing and sworn to shall have been lodged with the commissioner, for all services rendered prior to the presentation of the accused before the commissioner, a fee of \$2.50, said fee to accrue when the complaint is filed.

"(b) In each case in which the accused is presented before the commissioner for binding over, for all services rendered after the presentation of the accused a fee depending upon the number of such cases disposed of by the commissioner during the quarterly accounting period either by discharge or by binding over, as follows:

- "(1) \$7 for each of the first twenty-five cases so disposed of;
- "(2) \$6 for each of the next twenty-five cases;
- "(3) \$5 for each of the next fifty cases; and
- "(4) \$2 for each of all cases over one hundred.

"(c) In each case in which the accused is presented before the commissioner not for binding over but only for purposes of bail, whether or not bail is taken or a commitment is ordered, a fee of \$2.50.

"(d) For all services in connection with each formal, written application for a search warrant, whether the application be granted or denied, a fee of \$4.

"(e) For all services in connection with the application by a convict for examination under sections 1042 and 5296 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (18 U. S. C., sec. 641), a fee of \$4.

Application for
search warrant.

Application by con-
vict for examination.

18 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 641 note.
Ante, p. 524.

U. S. courts.
Fees of commis-
sioners.

Criminal cases.

59 Stat. 301.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 934.
Ante, p. 217.

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