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the Fire Department is entitled under this subsection shall be in addition to his annual leave and sick leave allowed by law.

Declaration of emergency.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), whenever the Commissioners declare that an emergency exists of such a character as to necessitate the continuous service of all officers and members of the Fire Department, it shall be the duty of the chief engineer of the Fire Department to suspend and discontinue the granting of such two days off in seven during the continuation of such emergency.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect one hundred and eighty days after funds have been appropriated and made available for the additional personnel necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 531]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 3883]
[Public Law 700]

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army to transfer to the Territory of Alaska the title to the Army vessel Hygiene.

Army vessel Hygiene.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Territory of Alaska the title of the United States to a certain Army vessel, known as the Hygiene, listed in the records of the Department of the Army as Army vessel FS–35, and which the Department of the Army has heretofore made available on a temporary basis for use by the Alaska Territorial Health Service. The transfer of said vessel shall be without charge to the Territory of Alaska.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 532]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 3915]
[Public Law 701]

To increase the size of the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission, and for other purposes.

Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission.
Increase in membership.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 7 of the Act entitled "An Act creating the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission; defining the authority, power, and duties of said Commission; and authorizing said Commission and its successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Friar Point, Mississippi, and Helena, Arkansas, and for other purposes", approved May 17, 1939 (53 Stat. 747), as amended, is hereby amended to provide that "Federal Works Administrator" shall be substituted for "Secretary of Agriculture" wherever the latter term appears in said paragraph and that the membership of the Commission created by section 7 of said Act shall be increased to eighteen by the appointment of twelve additional members, six of said additional members to be residents and citizens of the State of Mississippi, and the other six to be residents and citizens of the State of Arkansas.

53 Stat. 750.

Time extension.

SEC. 2. The times for commencing and completing the construction of such bridge are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of the enactment of this Act.

Rights reserved.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved June 19, 1948.