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[CHAPTER 92]

AN ACT

April 25, 1949
[H. R. 779]
[Public Law 55]

To amend title 28 of the United States Code to provide additional time for bringing suit against the United States in the case of certain tort claims, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 2401 (b) of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows: "A tort claim against the United States shall be forever barred unless action is begun within two years after such claim accrues or within one year after the date of enactment of this amendatory sentence, whichever is later, or unless, if it is a claim not exceeding $1,000, it is presented in writing to the appropriate Federal agency within two years after such claim accrues or within one year after the date of enactment of this amendatory sentence, whichever is later."

Title 28, United States Code, amendments.
62 Stat. 971.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 2401 (b).

SEC. 2. (a) Section 1346 (b) of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) Subject to the provisions of chapter 171 of this title, the district courts, together with the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, shall have exclusive jurisdiction of civil actions on claims against the United States, for money damages, accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property, or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred."

62 Stat. 933.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1346 (b).
Post, p. 101.
62 Stat. 982.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 2671–2680.
Post, pp. 106, 107, 444.

(b) The first paragraph of section 2672 of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The head of each Federal agency, or his designee for the purpose, acting on behalf of the United States, may consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and settle any claim for money damages of $1,000 or less against the United States accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred."

62 Stat. 983.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 2672.
Post, p. 106.

Approved April 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 93]

AN ACT

May 6, 1949
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[Public Law 56]

To approve repayment contracts negotiated with the Bitter Root irrigation district, the Shasta View irrigation district, the Okanogan irrigation district, the Willwood irrigation district, the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users' Association, and the Kittitas reclamation district, to authorize their execution, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the contracts referred to in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this Act, which have been negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior and reported on as provided in subsections (a) and (c) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), are hereby approved and the

Irrigation districts.
Approval of repayment contracts.

53 Stat. 1192.
43 U. S. C. § 485f (a), (c).