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22 Stat. 403; 63 Stat. 950.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 633 (2) (3).

the Act of January 16, 1883, entitled "An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States", as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the words "legal voting residence" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "legal or voting residence".

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 239]

AN ACT

June 14, 1950
[H. R. 6632]
[Public Law 546]

To extend the authority of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to establish and continue offices in the Republic of the Philippines.

61 Stat. 132.
38 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 693a note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June 14, 1947, as amended (38 U. S. C. 693a note), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the authority in section 7 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924 (43 Stat. 609; 38 U. S. C. 430), and section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284; 38 U. S. C. 693a), to establish and continue regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices may continue to be exercised by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs with respect to territory of the Republic of the Philippines on and after the date of its independence if he deems such offices necessary, but in no event after June 30, 1954."

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 240]

AN ACT

June 14, 1950
[H. R. 7866]
[Public Law 547]

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, so as to provide an order of precedence for lump sum death payments, and for other purposes.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.
46 Stat. 477.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 724 (e).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(e) In any case in which—

"(1) an officer or employee to whom this Act applies shall die before having rendered five years of civilian service computed as prescribed in section 5, or after having rendered five years of civilian service but without a survivor or survivors entitled to annuity benefits provided by subsection (c); or

"(2) the right of all persons entitled to annuity under subsection (c) based on the service of such officer or employee shall terminate before a valid claim therefor shall have been established,

the total amount credited to the individual account of such officer or employee with interest at 4 per centum per annum to December 31, 1947, and 3 per centum per annum thereafter, compounded on December 31 of each year, to the date of death of such officer or employee, shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, to the person or persons surviving at the date title to the payment arises, in the following order of precedence, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person:

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as the officer or employee may have designated by a writing received in the Civil Service Commission prior to death;

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the widow or widower of such officer or employee;

"Third, if none of the above, to the child or children of such officer or employee and descendants of deceased children by representation;