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General of the United States is given assurances satisfactory to him that the State of New York will cede to the United States appropriate jurisdiction over all lands at Manhattan Beach under the jurisdiction or control of the United States Maritime Commission or the Administrator of General Services.

Approved August 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 675]

AN ACT

August 10, 1950
[H. R. 7260]
[Public Law 685]

To provide for the holding of court and the furnishing of quarters at Rock Island for the United States district court for the southern district, northern division, of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of section 93 (b) (1) of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows: "Court for the northern division shall be held at Peoria and Rock Island."

62 Stat. 878.
28 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 93 (b) (1).

62 Stat. 898.
26 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 142.

SEC. 2. That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 142, title 28, United States Code, quarters and accommodations for holding court for the United States district court for the southern district, northern division of Illinois, may be furnished in Rock Island, Illinois, in any proposed Federal building construction project.

Approved August 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 686]

AN ACT

August 11, 1950
[H. R. 8909]
[Public Law 686]

To authorize the District of Columbia government to establish an Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes.

Office of Civil Defense, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, because of the existing possibility of the occurrence of disaster of unprecedented destructiveness resulting from enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, it is the intent of Congress that plans and programs to provide necessary protection, relief, and assistance for persons and property in the District of Columbia in the event such disaster shall occur or become imminent so as to require such protection, relief, and assistance, should be developed. As used in this Act, the term "civil defense" shall mean all activities necessary for the development and execution of such plans and programs, unless the context indicates a different meaning.

Authority to establish office.

SEC. 2. To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to establish in the municipal government of such District an Office of Civil Defense to consist of a Director and such other personnel as may be needed. Such Director shall be the executive head of such office.

Director.

Employment of retired personnel.

Notwithstanding the limitation of any law, there may be employed in such Office of Civil Defense any person who has been retired from any of the Armed Forces of the United States or any office or position in the Federal or District governments, and while so employed in such Office of Civil Defense any such retired person may receive the compensation authorized for such employment or the retired pay, retirement compensation, or annuity, whichever he may elect, and upon the termination of his employment in such Office of Civil Defense, he shall be restored to the same status as a retired officer or employee with the same retired pay, retirement compensation, or annuity to which he was entitled before having been employed in such Office of Civil Defense.