than three years, without the prior approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and no person, association, or corporation shall hold at one time such options of more than two hundred thousand acres in any one State.".

Approved August 2, 1954.

Public Law 562 CHAPTER 652

AN ACT

To provide for two additional Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, respectively.

August 3, 1954
[S. 3466]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 102 (a) of the Army Organization Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 264), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Armed Forces.
Assistant Secretaries.
5 USC 181-5.

"There shall be in the Department of the Army an Under Secretary of the Army and four Assistant Secretaries of the Army, who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive the compensation prescribed by law. One of the Assistant Secretaries authorized herein shall be designated Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, and may also act as Comptroller of the Army, if so designated by the Secretary of the Army."

Army.

(b) Subsections (b) and (c) of section 101 of the Army Organization Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 264), are amended by deleting the word "either", wherever appearing, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "an".

5 USC 181-4.

SEC. 2. Two Assistant Secretaries of the Navy may be appointed from civilian life by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Such Assistant Secretaries shall be in addition to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy authorized under section 1 of the Act of July 11, 1890 (26 Stat. 254), as amended, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air authorized under section 4 of the Act of June 24, 1926 (44 Stat. 767), as amended, making a total of four Assistant Secretaries. Each such additional Assistant Secretary shall perform such functions as the Secretary of the Navy may from time to time prescribe and each shall receive compensation at the rate prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of military departments. One of the Assistant Secretaries authorized herein shall be designated as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, and may also act as Comptroller of the Navy, if so designated by the Secretary of the Navy. The Assistant Secretaries of the Navy shall succeed to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy during his temporary absence in the position provided for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air by section 10 of the Act of March 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 66), and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy shall take order among themselves in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy or if no order is prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy then in the order in which the several Assistant Secretaries of the Navy took office as such.

Navy.

5 USC 420.

5 USC 421a.

62 Stat. 69.
5 USC 423j.

SEC. 3. (a) Subsection (a) of section 102 of the Air Force Organization Act of 1951 (65 Stat. 327), is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 USC 626-1.

"There shall be in the Department of the Air Force an Under Secretary of the Air Force and four Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force, who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive the compensation prescribed by law. One of the Assistant Secretaries authorized herein shall be designated Assistant Secretary

Air Force.

of the Air Force for Financial Management, and may also act as Comptroller of the Air Force, if so designated by the Secretary of the Air Force."

61 Stat. 502. 5 USC 626.

(b) Subsection (d) of section 207 of the National Security Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 495), is hereby amended by deleting the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four".

5 USC 626-2.

(c) Subsections (b) and (c) of section 101 of the Air Force Organization Act of 1951 (65 Stat. 327), are amended by deleting the word "either", wherever appearing, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "an".

Approved August 3, 1954.

Public Law 563 CHAPTER 653

AN ACT

August 3, 1954 [S. 3518]

To amend the laws relating to fees charged for services rendered by the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia and the laws relating to appointment of personnel in such office, and for other purposes.

D. C. Recorder of Deeds. Fees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) notwithstanding the provisions of section 552 of subchapter 4 of chapter 16 of the Act approved March 3, 1901, as amended (Sec. 45–708, D. C. Code, 1951 edition); section 12 of the Act approved July 2, 1940, as amended and supplemented by the Act approved June 19, 1948 (secs. 45–712 and 45–712a, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), or any other Act of Congress, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may, from time to time, increase or decrease the fees authorized to be charged for filing, recording, and indexing or for making a certified copy of any instrument; for searching records; for taking acknowledgments; for recording plats; for filing affidavits; for filing certificates of incorporation and amendments of certificates; for recording liens, assignments of liens, or releases of liens on motor vehicles or trailers; or for any other service rendered by the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

31 Stat. 1276.

54 Stat. 739; 62 Stat. 493. D. C. Code 40-712, 40-712a.

(b) The fees for services rendered by the office of the Recorder of Deeds shall be fixed at such rates, computed on such bases and in such manner as may, in the judgment of the Commissioners, be necessary to defray the approximate cost of operating the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the Commissioners to modify any provision of the District of Columbia Business Corporation Act, approved June 8, 1954.

68 Stat. 177.

SEC. 2. Section 548 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, as amended by the Act approved June 9, 1952 (66 Stat. 129; sec. 45–701, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "All of the duties and functions of the Recorder of Deeds and of officers and employees in his office shall be performed subject to the supervision and control of the Commissioners of the District."

SEC. 3. Section 549 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, as amended by the Act approved June 9, 1952 (sec. 45–702, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended by striking "The Recorder of Deeds is authorized to appoint a deputy recorder" and inserting in lieu thereof "The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to appoint a deputy recorder of deeds".

Appointment. Deputy recorder of deeds.

SEC. 4. (a) So much of the first sentence of the Act approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1102, ch. 416), as amended by the Act approved June 9, 1952 (66 Stat. 129; sec. 45–703, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), as reads: