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".

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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:

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"That the Recorder of Deeds is authorized to appoint a second deputy recorder" is amended to read: "The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to appoint a second deputy recorder of deeds".

Second deputy recorder of deeds.

(b) The third sentence of such Act approved March 3, 1925, as amended by such Act approved June 9, 1952, is amended to read: "The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint all employees in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, except the Recorder, in accordance with civil-service laws and fix the compensation of all employees in such office in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, and the said Commissioners may delegate to any officer subordinate to them the function of appointing any of the employees in such office other than the Recorder."

Office employees.

63 Stat. 954. 5 USC 1071 note.

SEC. 5. Clause (p) of section 2 of the District of Columbia Business Corporation Act (68 Stat. 180) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "It shall be the duty of the Recorder of Deeds and of any other officer or agency of the Government of the District of Columbia to perform any function delegated to such officer or agency by the Commissioners pursuant to this Act."

Commissioners. Delegation of functions.

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Public Law 564 — CHAPTER 654

AN ACT

August 3, 1954 [H. R. 7128]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide an immediate revision and equalization of real-estate values in the District of Columbia; also to provide an assessment of real estate in said District in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six and every third year thereafter, and for other purposes", approved August 14, 1894, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first sentence of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide an immediate revision and equalization of real-estate values in the District of Columbia; also to provide an assessment of real estate in said District in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six and every third year thereafter, and for other purposes", approved August 14, 1894 (28 Stat. 282, as amended; sec. 47–604, D. C. Code, 1951 edition) is amended to read as follows:

D. C. assistant assessors. Appointment.

"The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint as a permanent board of assistant assessors such persons as are conversant with real estate values in the District of Columbia and who have been bona fide residents of the District for a period of at least five years, except that two of such appointees may be persons who have been bona fide residents of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Area for a period of at least five years."

(b) Section 2 of such Act of August 14, 1894, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:

"For the purposes of this Act, the term 'District of Columbia Metropolitan Area' means the District of Columbia, the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, and the counties of Arlington and Fairfax in Virginia, and the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland."

"D. C. metropolitan area".

SEC. 2. Where any provision of this Act, or any amendment made by this Act, refers to an office or agency abolished by Reorganization Plan Numbered 5 of 1952, such reference shall be deemed to be to the office, agency, or officer designated by the Commissioners to perform the functions of the office or agency so abolished.

66 Stat. 824. D.C. Code 1-app.

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