

made such organization is committed to spend such contributions for such research before January 1 of the fifth calendar year which begins after the date such contribution is made."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply only with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1955.

Approved August 7, 1956.

## Public Law 1023

## CHAPTER 1035

### AN ACT

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.

August 8, 1956  
[S. 3956]

American Samoa  
Labor Standards  
Amendments of  
1956.

52 Stat. 1062,  
29 USC 206.

29 USC 205.

29 USC 213.

29 USC 207.

29 USC 216.

61 Stat. 84.  
29 USC 251 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "American Samoa Labor Standards Amendments of 1956".*

SEC. 2. Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (2) in subsection (a), and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following new paragraph:

"(3) if such employee is employed in American Samoa, not less than the applicable rate established by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with recommendations of a special industry committee or committees which he shall appoint in the same manner and pursuant to the same provisions as are now applicable to the special industry committees provided for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands by this Act. Each such committee shall have the same powers and duties and shall apply the same standards with respect to the application of the provisions of this Act to employees employed in American Samoa as pertain to special industry committees established under section 5 with respect to employees employed in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. The minimum wage rate thus established shall not exceed the rate prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SEC. 3. Section 13 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection (e):

"(e) The provisions of section 7 shall not apply with respect to employees for whom the Secretary of Labor is authorized to establish minimum wage rates as provided in section 6 (a) (3), except with respect to employees for whom such rates are in effect; and with respect to such employees the Secretary may make rules and regulations providing reasonable limitations and allowing reasonable variations, tolerances, and exemptions to and from any or all of the provisions of section 7 if he shall find, after a public hearing on the matter, and taking into account the factors set forth in section 6 (a) (3), that economic conditions warrant such action."

SEC. 4. Section 16 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection (d):

"(d) In any action or proceeding commenced prior to, on, or after the date of enactment of this subsection, no employer shall be subject to any liability or punishment under this Act or the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 on account of his failure to comply with any provision or provisions of such Acts with respect to work performed in a possession named in section 6 (a) (3) at any time prior to the establishment by the Secretary, as provided therein, of a minimum wage rate applicable to such work."

Approved August 8, 1956.