as a commissioned officer of the Regular Army or Regular Air Force during which period they were awaiting orders assigning them to their initial-duty stations, shall, if application therefor is made within two years after the date of enactment of this Act and to the extent they have not already been paid therefor, be paid pay and allowances for that period. Payments of pay and allowances heretofore made to these officers for such periods shall be validated upon a determination by the Secretary concerned, or his designee, that such payments were free from fraud and collusion.

Repayments.

SEC. 2. Any commissioned officer or former commissioned officer of the Regular Army or Regular Air Force who has repaid the United States an amount paid to him as pay and allowances for a period described in the first section of this Act, is entitled to be paid the amount involved, if otherwise proper, under this Act.

Authority of Comptroller General.

SEC. 3. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall, within two years from the date of this Act, relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the Army and the Air Force from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of such officers or agents for payments which are determined by the Secretary concerned, or his designee, to be free from fraud or collusion. The determination by the Secretary concerned, or his designee, shall be final and conclusive upon the Comptroller General: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to original payments authorized by the first section of this Act or to the repayments authorized by section 2 hereof.

Nonapplicability.

Funds available.

SEC. 4. Any appropriations available to the military department concerned for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act.

Approved June 4, 1956.

Public Law 562 — CHAPTER 363

June 4, 1956
[H. R. 5862]

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction upon United States district courts to adjudicate certain claims of Federal employees for the recovery of fees, salaries, or compensation.

Federal employees.
Claims jurisdiction.
62 Stat. 933.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any lapse of time or statute of limitations, and notwithstanding section 1346 (d) (2) of title 28, United States Code, the United States district courts shall have jurisdiction of all civil actions or claims to recover fees, salary, or compensation for official services of employees of the United States which were filed prior to October 31, 1951, and were thereafter dismissed for want of jurisdiction as a result of the amendment made to such section by section 50 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to amend certain titles of the United States Code, and for other purposes", approved October 31, 1951.

65 Stat. 727.
28 USC 1346.

Pending cases.
Restoration.

Such cases which were pending in the district courts or in the courts of appeals on October 31, 1951, and which may have been dismissed by reason of the withdrawal of jurisdiction during their pendency, shall be restored upon petition to the appropriate court within one year after the effective date of this Act.

Approved June 4, 1956.

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