

beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week, and to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such week in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved August 2, 1956.

Public Law 916

CHAPTER 876

AN ACT

August 2, 1956
[S. 912]

To amend the Act of April 23, 1930, relating to a uniform retirement date for authorized retirements of Federal personnel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for a uniform retirement date for authorized retirements of Federal personnel", approved April 23, 1930 (46 Stat. 253), is amended by inserting "(a)" after "That" and by adding at the end thereof the following:

Retirement of
Federal personnel.

5 USC 47a.

"(b) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretaries of the uniformed services are authorized to specify an effective date for the retirement for permanent physical disability or placement on a temporary disability retired list of members of their respective uniformed services which is earlier than the date for retirement provided for in subsection (a).

"(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)—

"(A) the term 'uniformed services' shall have the same meaning as when used in the Career Compensation Act of 1949; and

"Uniformed services".

"(B) the term 'Secretaries' includes the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare."

63 Stat. 804.
37 USC 231.
"Secretaries".

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Public Law 917

CHAPTER 877

AN ACT

August 2, 1956
[S. 1637]

To extend the time limit within which awards of certain military and naval decorations may be made.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a decoration or device in lieu of decoration which, prior to the date of enactment of this Act, has been authorized by Congress to be awarded to any person for an act or service performed while on active duty in the military or naval forces of the United States, or while serving with such forces, may be awarded at any time not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act for any such act or service performed between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, inclusive, if written recommendation for the decoration or device in lieu of decoration has been submitted to the appropriate office in a military department at the seat of Government before the date of enactment of this Act.

Armed Forces.
Decorations.

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