Public Law 85-533

AN ACT

July 18, 1958
[H. R. 7452]

To provide for the designation of holidays for the officers and employees of the government of the District of Columbia for pay and leave purposes, and for other purposes.

D.C. employees. Compensation for holidays.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 302 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended (59 Stat. 295; 5 U. S. C. 922), is amended by striking out "or Executive order," and inserting in lieu thereof ", Executive order, or with respect to employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia, by order of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia,".

Wage-scale employees.

SEC. 2. The first section of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution providing compensation for certain employees", approved June 29, 1938, as amended (52 Stat. 1246; 5 U. S. C. 86a), is amended to read as follows: "That hereafter whenever regular employees of the Federal Government or the municipal government of the District of Columbia whose compensation is fixed at a rate per day, per hour, or on a piece work basis are relieved or prevented from working solely because of the occurrence of a holiday such as New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Veterans Day, or any other day declared to be a holiday by Federal statute, Executive order, or, with respect to employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia, by order of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or on any day on which the departments and establishments of the Government are closed by Executive order, or, with respect to the employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia, on any day on which the departments or establishments of such government are closed by order of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or, on any day on which such employees are relieved or prevented from working by administrative order issued under such regulations as may be promulgated by the President, or, with respect to the employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia, on any day on which such employees are relieved or prevented from working by administrative order issued under such regulations as may be promulgated by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, they shall receive the same pay for such days as for days on which an ordinary day's work is performed.".

D.C. Commissioners, authority.

SEC. 3. The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for purposes of the administration of holidays for employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia, shall have the same authority to prescribe regulations as that possessed by the President for purposes of the administration of holidays for employees of the Federal Government.

Metropolitan Police and Firemen, etc.

SEC. 4. (a) The first sentence of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for granting to officers and members of the Metropolitan Police Force, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and the White House and United States Park Police forces additional compensation for working on holidays", approved October 24, 1951, as amended (65 Stat. 607; D. C. Code, sec. 4–807), is amended by striking out "six or more hours on any holiday, shall be entitled to receive as compensation for such holiday work, in lieu of his regular pay for that day, an amount equal to twice his daily rate of basic com-

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pensation: *Provided*", and by inserting in lieu thereof: "on any holiday, shall be compensated for such duty, excluding periods when he is in a leave status, in lieu of his regular rate of basic compensation for such work, at the rate of twice such regular rate of basic compensation: *Provided*, That for the purposes of this Act, each such officer or member who works eight hours or less on any holiday shall be compensated for such duty in addition to his regular rate of basic compensation for such work, at the rate of one-eighth of his daily rate of basic compensation for each hour so worked, computed to the nearest hour, counting thirty minutes or more as a full hour, but notwithstanding the foregoing clause of this proviso, officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia performing duty from 6 o'clock postmeridian on a holiday until 8 o'clock antemeridian the day following such holiday shall be entitled to receive additional compensation for the period from 6 o'clock postmeridian until 12 o'clock midnight equal to one day's basic compensation, and officers and members of such Fire Department performing duty from 6 o'clock postmeridian on the day preceding a holiday until 8 o'clock antemeridian on a holiday shall be entitled to receive additional compensation for the period from 12 o'clock midnight until 8 o'clock antemeridian equal to one day's basic compensation: *Provided further*, That the total compensation to be paid any such officer or member for duty performed on a holiday shall not exceed an amount equal to twice the daily rate of pay to which such officer or member shall be entitled for performing one regular tour of duty on a day other than a holiday: *And provided further*".

"Holidays".

(b) Section 2 of such Act approved October 24, 1951, as amended (65 Stat. 607; D. C. Code, sec. 4–808), is amended by striking therefrom "and such other days designated by Executive order." and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and, with respect to officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, such other holidays as may be designated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and with respect to officers and members of the White House Police force and the United States Park Police force, such other holidays as may be designated by Executive order.".

Computation of rates.

SEC. 5. Subsection (b) of section 405 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953, as amended (67 Stat. 76; D. C. Code, sec. 4–821), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Whenever for any such purpose it is necessary to convert a basic annual rate established by this Act to a basic biweekly, weekly, daily, half-daily, or hourly rate, the following rules shall govern:

"(A) The annual rate shall be divided by fifty-two or twenty-six, as the case may be, to derive a weekly or biweekly rate;

"(B) A weekly or biweekly rate shall be divided by five or ten, as the case may be, to derive a daily rate;

"(C) A daily rate shall be divided by two to derive a one-half daily rate; and

"(D) Except with respect to computation of holiday pay, a biweekly rate shall be divided by the number of hours constituting the biweekly tour of duty in order to derive an hourly rate.

All rates shall be computed to the nearest cent, counting one-half cent and over as a whole cent."

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