

[CHAPTER 667.]

AN ACT

June 19, 1934.
[H.R. 8700.]
[Public, No. 431.]
Canal Zone, Code of
Laws.

To establish a Code of Laws for the Canal Zone, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the seven titles hereinafter set forth shall constitute the Code of Laws for the Canal Zone and shall, for all purposes, establish conclusively, and be deemed to embrace, all the permanent laws relating to or applying in the Canal Zone in force on the date of enactment of this Act, except such general laws of the United States as relate to or apply in the Canal Zone. Such code shall be designated as the "Canal Zone Code" and shall take effect on the expiration of ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act. Copies of such code printed at the Government Printing Office and bearing its imprint shall be conclusive evidence of the original of such code.

SEC. 2. The said Canal Zone Code shall not be published in the Session Laws or Statutes at Large, and there shall be printed and bound, as may be directed by the Joint Committee on Printing, such number of copies thereof as may be required for official use and distribution, including an index and any other explanatory matter the committee may deem necessary.

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[CHAPTER 668.]

AN ACT

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To establish a National Archives of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

National Archives.
Office of Archivist
created.
Appointment and
confirmation.

Compensation.
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pointment.

Confirmation.

Archivist.
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archives by.
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fer of documents.

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fidential matter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created the Office of Archivist of the United States, the Archivist to be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 2. The salary of the Archivist shall be \$10,000 annually. All persons to be employed in the National Archives Establishment shall be appointed by the Archivist solely with reference to their fitness for their particular duties and without regard to civil-service law; and the Archivist shall make rules and regulations for the government of the National Archives; but any official or employee with salary of \$5,000 or over shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 3. All archives or records belonging to the Government of the United States (legislative, executive, judicial, and other) shall be under the charge and superintendence of the Archivist to this extent: He shall have full power to inspect personally or by deputy the records of any agency of the United States Government whatsoever and wheresoever located, and shall have the full cooperation of any and all persons in charge of such records in such inspections, and to requisition for transfer to the National Archives Establishment such archives, or records as the National Archives Council, hereafter provided shall approve for such transfer, and he shall have authority to make regulations for the arrangement, custody, use, and withdrawal of material deposited in the National Archives Building: *Provided,* That any head of an executive department, independent office, or other agency of the Government may, for limited periods, not exceeding in duration his tenure of that office, exempt from examination and consultation by officials, private individuals, or any other persons such confidential matter transferred from his department or office, as he may deem wise.

SEC. 4. The immediate custody and control of the National Archives Building and such other buildings, grounds, and equipment as may from time to time become a part of the National Archives Establishment (except as the same is vested by law in the Director of National Buildings, Parks, and Reservations) and their contents shall be vested in the Archivist of the United States.

Custody and control of Archives Building.

SEC. 5. That there is hereby created also a National Historical Publications Commission which shall make plans, estimates, and recommendations for such historical works and collections of sources as seem appropriate for publication and/or otherwise recording at the public expense, said Commission to consist of the Archivist of the United States, who shall be its chairman; the historical adviser of the Department of State; the chief of the historical section of the War Department, General Staff; the superintendent of naval records in the Navy Department; the Chief of the Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress; and two members of the American Historical Association appointed by the president thereof from among those persons who are or have been members of the executive council of the said association: *Provided*, That the preparation and publication of annual and special reports on the archives and records of the Government, guides, inventory lists, catalogs, and other instruments facilitating the use of the collections shall have precedence over detailed calendars and textual reproductions. This Commission shall meet at least once a year, and the members shall serve without compensation except repayment of expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the Commission.

National Historical Publications Commission.
Publication of historical works.

Composition of Commission.

Proviso.
Precedence in publication of reports.

Commission, meetings of.

SEC. 6. That there is hereby further created a National Archives Council composed of the Secretaries of each of the executive departments of the Government (or an alternate from each department to be named by the Secretary thereof), the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Library, the Chairman of the House Committee on the Library, the Librarian of Congress, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and the Archivist of the United States. The said Council shall define the classes of material which shall be transferred to the National Archives Building and establish regulations governing such transfer; and shall have power to advise the Archivist in respect to regulations governing the disposition and use of the archives and records transferred to his custody.

National Archives Council.
Composition.

Classes of material for transfer defined by.

Regulations governing disposition.

SEC. 7. The National Archives may also accept, store, and preserve motion-picture films and sound recordings pertaining to and illustrative of historical activities of the United States, and in connection therewith maintain a projecting room for showing such films and reproducing such sound recordings for historical purposes and study.

Motion picture films, historical sound recordings.
Acceptance authorized.
Projecting room, maintenance.

SEC. 8. That the National Archives shall have an official seal which will be judicially noticed.

Seal.

SEC. 9. That the Archivist shall make to Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, a report for the preceding fiscal year as to the National Archives, the said report including a detailed statement of all accessions and of all receipts and expenditures on account of the said establishment. He shall also transmit to Congress the recommendations of the Commission on National Historical Publications, and, on January 1 of each year, with the approval of the Council, a list or description of the papers, documents, and so forth (among the archives and records of the Government), which appear to have no permanent value or historical interest, and which, with the concurrence of the Government agency concerned, and subject to the approval of Congress, shall be destroyed or otherwise effectively disposed of.

Reports to Congress

Appropriations au-
thorized.
Ante, p. 1026.

Printing and bind-
ing.

Annual estimates to
Congress.

Inconsistent acts re-
pealed.

SEC. 10. That there are hereby authorized such appropriations as may be necessary for the maintenance of the National Archives Building and the administration of the collections, the expenses, and work of the Commission on National Historical Publications, the supply of necessary equipment and expenses incidental to the operations aforesaid, including transfer of records to the Archives Building; printing and binding; personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; travel and subsistence and per diem in lieu of subsistence, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Acts; stenographic services by contract or otherwise as may be deemed necessary; purchases and exchange of books and maps; purchase, exchange, and operation of motor vehicles; and all absolutely necessary contingent expenses, all to be expended under the direction of the Archivist, who shall annually submit to Congress estimates therefor in the manner prescribed by law.

SEC. 11. All Acts or parts of Acts relating to the charge and superintendency, custody, preservation, and disposition of official papers and documents of executive departments and other governmental agencies inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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[CHAPTER 669.]

AN ACT

June 19, 1934.
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To amend an Act approved June 14, 1932 (47 Stat. 306), entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River."

Montana-Wyoming.
Agreement for divi-
sion of waters of Yel-
lowstone River.
Vol. 47, p. 306.

Waters in Yellow-
stone National Park.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved June 14, 1932 (47 Stat. 306) entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River", is hereby amended by adding the following thereto: "*Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall apply to any waters within the Yellowstone National Park or shall establish any right or interest in or to any lands within the boundaries thereof."

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[CHAPTER 670.]

AN ACT

June 19, 1934.
[H. R. 9123.]
[Public, No. 434.]

To authorize the Secretary of War to lend War Department equipment for use at the Sixteenth National Convention of the American Legion at Miami, Florida, during the month of October 1934.

American Legion.
Loan of Army equip-
ment to, authorized.

Provides.
No Federal expense.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized to lend, at his discretion, to the American Legion, 1934 Convention Corporation, for use at the Sixteenth National Convention of the American Legion to be held at Miami, Florida, in the month of October 1934, such tents, cots, and blankets, and other available stock out of the Army and National Guard supplies as such corporation may require to house properly Legionnaires attending such convention: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused the United States Government by the delivery and return of such property, the same to be delivered at such time prior to the holding of such convention as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the American Legion 1934 Convention Corporation,