

## [CHAPTER 390.]

## AN ACT

To provide for changing the time of the meeting of Congress, the beginning of the terms of Members of Congress, and the time when the electoral votes shall be counted, and for other purposes.

June 5, 1934.

[S. 2745.]

[Public, No. 286.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 152 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 3, sec. 41) is hereby amended by striking out the words "fourth day of March" and inserting in lieu thereof "20th day of January".

The President; commencement of term of office.

Vol. 47, p. 2569.  
R.S., sec. 152; U.S.C., p. 21.

SEC. 2. Section 25 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 2, sec. 7) is hereby amended by striking out the words "fourth day of March" and inserting in lieu thereof "3d day of January".

Representatives and Delegates to Congress.  
R.S., sec. 25; U.S.C., p. 3.

SEC. 3. Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act providing a temporary method of conducting the nomination and election of United States Senators", approved June 4, 1914 (U.S.C., title 2, sec. 1), is hereby amended by striking out "fourth day of March" and inserting in lieu thereof "3d day of January".

Senators.  
Vol. 38, p. 384.  
U.S.C., p. 3.

SEC. 4. The first sentence of section 20 of the Act entitled "An Act to declare the purpose of the people of the United States as to the future political status of the people of the Philippine Islands, and to provide a more autonomous government for those islands", approved August 29, 1916 (U.S.C., title 48, sec. 1091), is hereby amended by striking out the words "fourth day of March" and inserting in lieu thereof "3d day of January".

Resident Commissioners, Philippine Islands.  
Vol. 39, p. 552.  
U.S.C., p. 1630.

SEC. 5. The second sentence of section 36 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes", approved March 2, 1917 (U.S.C., title 48, sec. 891), is hereby amended by striking out the words "fourth of March" and inserting in lieu thereof "3d day of January".

Resident Commissioner, Puerto Rico.  
Vol. 39, p. 963.  
U.S.C., p. 1625.

SEC. 6. The Act entitled "An Act providing for the meeting of electors of President and Vice President and for the issuance and transmission of the certificates of their selection and of the result of their determination, and for other purposes", approved May 29, 1928, is hereby amended as follows:

Meeting and vote of electors.

(a) By striking out the words "first Wednesday in January" in section 1 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 3, sec. 5a) and inserting in lieu thereof "first Monday after the second Wednesday in December".

Vol. 45, p. 945.  
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 13.

(b) By striking out the words "by the third Wednesday in the month of January" in section 5 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 3, sec. 11b) and inserting in lieu thereof "by the fourth Wednesday in December".

Failure to receive certificates of electors.  
Vol. 45, p. 946.  
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 13.

(c) By striking out the words "on the fourth Wednesday of the month of January" in section 6 of such Act (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 3, sec. 11c) and inserting in lieu thereof "on the fourth Wednesday in December".

Demand on district judge for certificate.  
Vol. 45, p. 947.  
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 13.

SEC. 7. The first sentence of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to fix the day for the meeting of the electors of President and Vice President, and to provide for and regulate the counting of the votes for President and Vice President, and the decision of questions arising thereon", approved February 3, 1887 (U.S.C., title 3, sec. 17), is amended by striking out the words "second" Wednesday in February" and inserting in lieu thereof "sixth day of January".

Counting electoral votes in Congress.  
Vol. 24, p. 373.  
U.S.C., p. 20.

Approved, June 5, 1934.