

SEC. 2. The duties performed by the register at Anchorage and by the ex officio register and the ex officio receiver at Nome and at Fairbanks prior to the abolishment of such offices thereafter shall be performed at each office under the title "register" by such civil-service employee of the Department of the Interior as the Secretary of the Interior may appoint or designate for that purpose: *Provided*, That the present incumbent of the office of register at Anchorage is hereby covered into the classified civil service, and, subject to civil-service rules, shall be appointed to a position at the Anchorage office and designated to act at that office under the title "register".

Appointment of civil-service employees as registers.

*Proviso.*  
Present incumbent at Anchorage.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to designate an additional employee of the Department of the Interior for each land office in Alaska to act as register pursuant to the provisions of the Acts of October 28, 1921 (42 Stat. 208), and May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 558).

Acting registers.

43 U. S. C. §§ 73, 75a.

SEC. 4. The employees designated to serve as registers and acting registers shall be charged with all the obligations, duties, and responsibilities provided by law which are applicable to registers and acting registers, respectively, of the district land offices.

Duties.

SEC. 5. No provision of this Act shall relieve any public land claimant from the necessity of making payment of fees, commissions, or purchase money required by law or regulation in connection with an application, selection, location, or lease of public lands in Alaska, and all such payments, when made, shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

Payment of fees, etc.

SEC. 6. Subject to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior by this section, the land districts and land offices existing in Alaska on the date of the approval of this Act are hereby continued. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered in his discretion to change the boundaries of, or discontinue, any land district in Alaska, and in lieu thereof to designate such land district, or land region, as, in his opinion, is necessary for the transaction of the business relating to the public lands in the Territory and to designate or change the location of any land office for such land district or land region.

Continuance of existing districts and offices.

Changes authorized.

SEC. 7. Section 12 of the Act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409, 414), and sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Act of March 2, 1907 (34 Stat. 1232), are hereby repealed. The Act of February 14, 1902 (32 Stat. 5, 20), is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words: "That on and after June first, nineteen hundred and two, the number of land offices and land districts in the district of Alaska is hereby reduced to one, the location of which shall be fixed by the President." The proviso contained in the Act of May 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 684), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the Territory of Alaska."

Repeals and amendments.  
48 U. S. C. §§ 365-367.

43 U. S. C. § 80.

Approved, October 9, 1942.

[CHAPTER 585]

AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940 to preserve the nationality of citizens residing abroad.

October 9, 1942  
[H. R. 7152]  
[Public Law 736]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That chapter IV of the Nationality Act of 1940, section 409, is amended to read as follows:

Nationality Act of 1940, amendment.  
54 Stat. 1171.  
8 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 809.

"SEC. 409. Nationality shall not be lost under the provisions of section 404 or 407 of this Act until the expiration of four years following the date of the approval of this Act: *Provided, however*, That a naturalized person who shall have become subject to the presumption

Time restriction on loss of nationality.  
54 Stat. 1170.  
8 U. S. C. §§ 804, 807.  
*Proviso.*

8 U. S. C., ch. 1.

that he has ceased to be an American citizen as provided for in the second paragraph of section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907 (34 Stat. 1228), and who shall not have overcome it under the rules in effect immediately preceding the date of the approval of this Act, shall continue to be subject to such presumption for the period of four years following the date of the approval of this Act unless it is overcome during such period."

Approved, October 9, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 586]

## AN ACT

October 10, 1942  
[S. 2627]  
[Public Law 737]

To amend the Act approved August 27, 1940 (54 Stat. 864), entitled "An Act increasing the number of naval aviators in the line of the Regular Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes".

Naval and Marine  
Corps Reserve.  
Disability and death  
benefits.  
34 U. S. C. § 855c-1.

Proviso.  
Effective date.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act increasing the number of naval aviators in the line of the Regular Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes", approved August 27, 1940 (54 Stat. 864), is hereby amended by adding before the period at the end thereof the following: "Provided further, That this section shall be effective from September 8, 1939".

Approved, October 10, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 587]

## AN ACT

October 10, 1942  
[S. 2677]  
[Public Law 738]

To authorize an exchange of land at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, between Edgar Eberly and the United States.

Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Exchange of lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer under such conditions as may be approved by the said Secretary to Edgar Eberly, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, without cost to said Edgar Eberly, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a strip of land containing three and ninety-seven one-hundredths acres, more or less, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is further authorized on behalf of the United States to accept from Edgar Eberly of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, without cost to the United States, all right, title, and interest of said Edgar Eberly in and to a strip of land consisting of three and ninety-seven one-hundredths acres, more or less, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department.

Approved, October 10, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 588]

## AN ACT

October 10, 1942  
[S. 2678]  
[Public Law 739]

To amend the Act approved March 2, 1933, by suspending the provisions relative to a Navy ration in kind, and for other purposes.

Navy.  
Suspension of provi-  
sions relative to ration  
in kind.  
47 Stat. 1423.  
Ante, p. 97.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the Act approved March 2, 1933 (34 U. S. C. 902a), prescribing a ration in kind shall be suspended except in those cases where the Secretary of the Navy may determine such suspension