

a patriotic statesman and philosopher, as author of the Declaration of Independence, as a private citizen and President of the United States but also in recognition of our great debt to him as a farmer, agricultural philosopher, inventive genius, educator, and leader in scientific agriculture.

Creation and organization.

SEC. 2. That there be created the National Agricultural Jefferson Bicentenary Committee. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby appointed Chairman of and is hereby authorized to organize such Committee. The President pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint as members of the Committee five Members of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint as members of the Committee five Members of the House of Representatives. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to appoint in his discretion an appropriate number of members of the Committee representing the following agricultural organizations:

United States Department of Agriculture.

The land-grant colleges (including the colleges of agriculture, the agricultural experiment stations, and the agricultural extension services).

National farm organizations.

The agricultural press.

Scientific and learned societies dealing with agriculture.

The Office of Education.

Secretary.

Service of members without compensation; duties.

The Secretary of Agriculture is empowered to appoint a secretary for the Committee. All members of the Committee are to serve without compensation. The duties of the Committee shall be to assist in bringing to the attention of the people of the United States the great services rendered by Jefferson to agriculture and to encourage and promote appropriate and timely activities in connection with the various agricultural organizations mentioned above and of the States of the United States, in the various agricultural meetings to be held during the current year, to encourage appropriate programs dealing with Jefferson and agriculture in the United States Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges, to encourage widespread dissemination through the press, the radio, farmers' meetings, the rural schools and agricultural high schools, and so forth, information about Jefferson.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this joint resolution shall not be construed to authorize the making of any appropriation to carry out its purpose.

Approved December 3, 1943.

[CHAPTER 342]

AN ACT

Amending the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and for other purposes.

Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, amendments.
54 Stat. 887.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 305; Supp. II, § 305.
Ante, p. 391.
Review of certain occupational deferments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

“(l) In the case of any registrant whose principal place of employment is located outside the appeal board area in which the local board having jurisdiction over the registrant is located, any occupational deferment under subsection (c) (2) or subsection (e) of this section existing at the date of enactment of this subsection shall within thirty days after such date, and any such occupational deferment made after the date of enactment of this subsection shall within ten days after such deferment is made, be submitted for review and decision to the

selective service appeal board having jurisdiction over the area in which is located the principal place of employment of the registrant. Such decision of the appeal board shall be final unless modified or changed by the President, and such decision shall be made public. The President, upon appeal or upon his own motion, shall have power to determine all claims or questions with respect to inclusion for, or exemption or deferment from, training and service under this Act; and the determination of the President shall be final.

Power of the President.

“(m) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 (b), under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, on the basis of the best inventory information available to him at the time of allocating calls, without affecting the usual regular and orderly flow of the Nation's manpower into the armed forces as required for service therein, and in accordance with the requisitions of the land and naval forces and with the other provisions of this Act, registrants shall, on a Nation-wide basis within the Nation and a State-wide basis within each State, be ordered to report to induction stations in such a manner that registrants, regardless of their occupations or the activities in which they may be engaged, who were married prior to December 8, 1941, who have maintained a bona fide family relationship with their families since that date and who have a child or children under eighteen years of age, will be inducted after the induction of other registrants not deferred, exempted, relieved from liability, or postponed from induction under this Act or the rules and regulations prescribed thereunder who are available for induction and are acceptable to the land and naval forces. The term 'child' as used in this section means a legitimate child born prior to September 15, 1942, a stepchild, adopted child, foster child, or a person who is in the relationship of child to the registrant, who became such prior to December 8, 1941, who is less than eighteen years of age, or who by reason of mental or physical defects is incapable of self-support, who is unmarried, and with whom the registrant has maintained a bona fide family relationship in their home since December 7, 1941, or since the date of birth if such date of birth is later than December 7, 1941: *Provided*, That no individuals shall be called for induction, ordered to report to induction stations, or be inducted because of their occupations, or by occupational groups, or by groups in any plant or institutions, except pursuant to a requisition by the land or naval forces for persons in needed medical professional and specialist categories.”

Sec. 2. (a) Section 10 (a) (2) of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(2) to create and establish a Selective Service System, and shall provide for the classification of registrants and of persons who volunteer for induction under this Act on the basis of availability for training and service, and shall establish within the Selective Service System civilian local boards, civilian appeal boards, and such other agencies, including agencies of appeal, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. There shall be created one or more local boards in each county or political subdivision corresponding thereto of each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia. Each local board shall consist of three or more members to be appointed by the President, from recommendations made by the respective Governors or comparable executive officials. No member of any such local board shall be a member of the land or naval forces of the United States, but each member of any such local board shall be a civilian who is a citizen of the United States residing in the county or political subdivision corresponding thereto in which such local board has jurisdiction under rules and regulations prescribed by the President. Such local boards, under rules and regulations prescribed by the President, shall have

Manner of induction.
54 Stat. 887.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 304 (b).

Certain registrants married prior to Dec. 8, 1941.

“Child.”

Occupational or group inductions.

54 Stat. 893.
50 U. S. C. app. § 310
(a)(2); Supp. II, § 310
note.
Selective Service
System.
Classification of
registrants, etc.
Civilian local
boards.

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Ante, p. 597.
Nonexemption, etc.,
of personnel.

54 Stat. 893.
50 U. S. C. app. § 310
(a) (3); Supp. II, § 310
note.
Director of Selective
Service.
Appointment; sal-
ary.
Other officers, etc.

Detail of Army, etc.,
officers or U. S. em-
ployees.

Ante, p. 597.

Senate approval of
appointments in excess
of \$5,000.

Other employees.
42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. § 661;
Supp. II, § 661 *et seq.*

54 Stat. 894.
50 U. S. C. app. § 310
(b); Supp. II, § 310
note.
Delegation of au-
thority.

54 Stat. 892.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 309.
Ante, p. 164.

54 Stat. 893.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 310; Supp. II, § 310
note.
Appointment of
commission of physi-
cians.

power within their respective jurisdictions to hear and determine, subject to the right of appeal to the appeal boards herein authorized all questions or claims with respect to inclusion for, or exemption or deferment from, training and service under this Act of all individuals within the jurisdiction of such local boards. The decisions of such local boards shall be final except where an appeal is authorized and is taken in accordance with such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe. Appeal boards within the Selective Service System shall be composed of civilians who are citizens of the United States. The decision of such appeal boards shall be final in cases before them on appeal unless modified or changed by the President as provided in the last sentence of section 5 (1) of this Act. No person who is an officer, member, agent, or employee of the Selective Service System, or of any such local or appeal board or other agency, shall be excepted from registration, or deferred from training and service, as provided for in this Act, by reason of his status as such officer, member, agent, or employee;".

(b) Section 10 (a) (3) of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(3) to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and fix the compensation of at a rate not in excess of \$10,000 per annum, a Director of Selective Service who shall be directly responsible to him and to appoint and fix the compensation of such other officers, agents, and employees as he may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That any officer on the active or retired list of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or of any reserve component thereof or any officer or employee of any department or agency of the United States who may be assigned or detailed to any office or position to carry out the provisions of this Act (except to offices or positions on local boards or appeal boards established or created pursuant to section 10 (a) (2)) may serve in and perform the functions of such office or position without loss of or prejudice to his status as such officer in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard or reserve component thereof, or as such officer or employee in any department or agency of the United States: *Provided further*, That any person so appointed, assigned, or detailed to a position the compensation in respect of which is at a rate in excess of \$5,000 per annum shall be appointed, assigned, or detailed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate: *Provided further*, That the President may appoint necessary clerical and stenographic employees for local boards and fix their compensation without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended;".

SEC. 3. Section 10 (b) of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The President is authorized to delegate to the Director of Selective Service only, any authority vested in him under this Act (except section 9). The Director of Selective Service may delegate and provide for the delegation of any authority so delegated to him by the President and any other authority vested in him under this Act, to such officers, agents, or persons as he may designate or appoint for such purpose or as may be designated or appointed for such purpose pursuant to such rules and regulations as he may prescribe."

SEC. 4. Section 10 of such Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(e) In order to assist in the determination of whether or not men should be deferred from training and service because they are physically, mentally, or morally deficient or defective, and to delay as long as possible the induction of men living with their families, the President is authorized and directed forthwith to appoint a commission of

five qualified physicians, of whom one only shall be an Army officer and one only a Navy officer, and the three remaining members shall be qualified civilian physicians not employed by the Federal Government, who shall examine the physical, mental, and moral qualification requirements for admission to the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and recommend to the President any changes therein which they believe can be made without impairing the efficiency of the armed services. The commission shall especially consider the establishment of special standards for men who will be inducted only for limited service. The Director of Selective Service shall cause to be reexamined those men, including those previously discharged from the armed services because of physical disability, who may qualify under any new standards established."

SEC. 5. Any registrant within the categories herein defined when it appears that his induction will shortly occur shall, upon request, be ordered by his local board in accordance with schedules authorized by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Director of Selective Service, to any regularly established induction station for a preinduction physical examination, subject to reexaminations.

The commanding officer of such induction station where such physical examination is conducted under this provision shall issue to the registrant a certificate showing his physical fitness or lack thereof, and this examination shall be accepted by the local board, subject to periodic reexamination. Those registrants who are classified as I-A at the time of such physical examination and who are found physically qualified for military service as a result thereof, shall remain so classified and report for induction in regular order.

SEC. 6. The Director of Selective Service shall obtain full and complete information from the various agencies, departments, and branches of the Federal Government, and from other sources, concerning requests for deferment, deferments, exemptions, rejections, discharges, inductions, enlistments, replacement schedules, and other matters with respect to registrants, whether or not they are members of the armed forces, or whether or not they are Government or private employees; and he shall report that information, together with the manner in which the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, are being administered, to the Senate and House Committees on Military Affairs monthly or at such intervals as the Committees may designate from time to time.

SEC. 7. Except as provided in this Act, all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby suspended to the extent of such conflict for the period in which this Act shall be in force.

Approved December 5, 1943.

[CHAPTER 343]

AN ACT

To amend the Act providing for the payment of allowance on death of officer or enlisted man to widow, or person designated, 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 Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of six months' pay to the widow, children, or other designated dependent relative of any officer or enlisted man of the Regular Army whose death results from wounds or disease not the result of his own misconduct" (41 Stat. 367), approved December 17, 1919, as amended and supplemented (42 Stat. 1385; 45 Stat. 249; 55 Stat. 796; 10 U. S. C. 903, 903a), be, and the same is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the

Membership.

Duties.

Special standards for limited service.

Preinduction physical examination.

Issuance of certificate.

Class I-A registrants.

Information concerning registrants.

Reports to Congress.
54 Stat. 885.
50 U. S. C. app. §§ 301-318; Supp. II, §§ 302-315.
Ante, pp. 164, 391.

Suspension of conflicting laws.

December 17, 1943
[H. R. 2188]
[Public Law 198]

Army.
Payment of six months' death gratuity.

10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 456.