

benefits to which they may be entitled under the laws of the United States, and no such employee shall suffer, by virtue of being placed in the status of a civil-service employee by this Act, a reduction in total pay below that being received by him on the effective date of this Act.

Approved December 28, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 595]

## AN ACT

To permit the inclusion of land occupied by Dibble General Hospital within the corporate limits of the city of Menlo Park, California.

December 28, 1945  
[H. R. 2965]  
[Public Law 275]

*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 and directed to take such action as may be necessary under the laws of the State of California to provide for or permit the inclusion within the corporate limits of the city of Menlo Park, California, of the tract of land occupied by the Dibble General Hospital, if requested so to do by such city within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act. The inclusion of such tract within the corporate limits of such city shall not affect the exclusive jurisdiction over such land heretofore accepted by the United States.

Menlo Park, Calif.  
Dibble General  
Hospital.

Approved December 28, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 596]

## AN ACT

To amend section 112 of the Judicial Code to change the times for holding the terms of the District Court for the Eastern District of the State of Washington.

December 28, 1945  
[H. R. 3167]  
[Public Law 276]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 112 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 28, sec. 193), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 112. The State of Washington is divided into two districts, to be known as the eastern and western districts of Washington. The eastern district shall include the territory embraced on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and ten, in the counties of Spokane, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, Chelan, Grant, Douglas, Lincoln, Adams, and Whitman, with the waters thereof, including all Indian reservations within said counties, which shall constitute the northern division; also the territory embraced on the date last mentioned in the counties of Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Franklin, Walla Walla, Benton, Klickitat, Kittitas, and Yakima, with the waters thereof, including all Indian reservations within said counties, which shall constitute the southern division of said district. Terms of the district court for the northern division shall be held at Spokane on the first Tuesdays in April and September; for the southern division, at Yakima on the third Tuesday in May and on the second Tuesday in November, and at Walla Walla on the first Tuesdays in June and December. The western district shall include the territory embraced on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and ten, in the counties of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, San Juan, Island, Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson, with the waters thereof, including all Indian reservations within said counties, which shall constitute the northern division; also the territory embraced on the date last mentioned in the counties of Pierce, Mason, Thurston, Chehalis, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clarke, and Skamania, with the waters thereof, including all Indian reservations within said counties which shall constitute the

Washington judicial  
districts.  
36 Stat. 1128.

Eastern district.  
Northern division.

Southern division.

Terms of district  
court.

Western district.  
Northern division.

Southern division.



Terms of district court.

Clerks' offices.

southern division of said district. Terms of the district court for the northern division shall be held at Bellingham on the first Tuesdays in April and October; at Seattle on the first Tuesdays in May and November; and for the southern division, at Tacoma on the first Tuesdays in February and July. The clerks of the courts for the eastern and western districts shall maintain an office in charge of himself or a deputy at each place in their respective districts where terms of court are required to be held."

Approved December 28, 1945.

#### [CHAPTER 597]

#### AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[H. R. 3759]  
[Public Law 277]

To provide the Navy with a system of laws for the settlement of claims uniform with that of the Army.

Damage claims,  
Navy Department or  
Navy.  
Powers of Secretary.

31 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, §§ 223b, 223c, 215-  
217, 222a, 222b.  
*Ante*, p. 225.

*Ante*, p. 225.

Availability of ap-  
propriations.

31 U. S. C. §§ 215-  
217; Supp. IV, §§ 215-  
217 notes.

34 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, §§ 984-989.  
*Ante*, p. 578.

*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 and his designees are authorized to exercise with respect to any claim against the United States for damages to or loss or destruction of property, real or personal, or for personal injury or death, caused by military personnel or civilian employees of the Navy Department, or of the Navy while acting within the scope of their employment, or otherwise incident to noncombat activities of the Navy Department or of the Navy, the respective powers conferred upon the Secretary of War and his designees by the Act of July 3, 1943 (57 Stat. 372) as amended by the Act of May 29, 1945 (Public Law 67, Seventy-ninth Congress).

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy and his designees are further authorized to exercise with respect to claims of military personnel or civilian employees of the Navy Department or of the Navy for damages to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of personal property occurring incident to their service, the respective powers conferred upon the Secretary of War and his designees by the Act of May 29, 1945 (Public Law 67, Seventy-ninth Congress).

SEC. 3. Such appropriations as may be required for the payment of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized. Appropriations available to the Navy Department shall be available for the settlement of claims by the Secretary of the Navy or his designees under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Act of December 28, 1922 (42 Stat. 1066), shall be inapplicable to the Navy Department sixty days after approval of this Act, and the Act approved October 27, 1943 (57 Stat. 582), is hereby repealed.

Approved December 28, 1945.

#### [CHAPTER 598]

#### AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[H. R. 3995]  
[Public Law 278]

To extend the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1945, providing for an adjustment of salaries of the Metropolitan Police, the United States Park Police, the White House Police, and the members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, to pilots and marine engineers of the Fire Department.

D. C. Fire Depart-  
ment.  
Pilots and marine  
engineers.  
*Ante*, p. 471.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for an adjustment of salaries of the Metropolitan Police, the United States Park Police, the White House Police, and the members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, to conform with the increased cost of living in the District of Columbia", approved July 14, 1945, is repealed.