

fiduciary or other relations between the United States and the several Indian tribes, bands, or groups.

EFFECT ON EXISTING LAWS

SEC. 25. All provisions of law inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, except that existing provisions of law authorizing suits in the Court of Claims by particular tribes, bands, or groups of Indians and governing the conduct or determination of such suits shall continue to apply to any case heretofore or hereafter instituted thereunder save as provided by section 11 hereof as to the deduction of payments, offsets, counterclaims, and demands.

Separability of provisions.

SEC. 26. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, or other applications of such provisions, shall not be affected.

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[CHAPTER 960]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 727]

Authorizing Federal participation in the cost of protecting the shores of publicly owned property.

Protection of shores owned by States, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That with the purpose of preventing damage to public property and promoting and encouraging the healthful recreation of the people, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to assist in the construction, but not the maintenance, of works for the improvement and protection against erosion by waves and currents of the shores of the United States that are owned by States, municipalities, or other political subdivisions: *Provided*, That the Federal contribution toward the construction of protective works shall not in any case exceed one-third of the total cost: *Provided further*, That where a political subdivision has heretofore erected a sea wall to prevent erosion, by waves and currents, to a public highway considered by the Chief of Engineers sufficiently important to justify protection, Federal contribution toward the repair of such wall and the protection thereof by the building of an artificial beach is authorized at not to exceed one-third of the original cost of such wall, and that investigations and studies hereinafter provided for are hereby authorized for such localities: *Provided further*, That the plan of protection shall have been specifically adopted and authorized by Congress after investigation and study by the Beach Erosion Board under the provisions of section 2 of the River and Harbor Act approved July 3, 1930, as amended and supplemented.

Federal contribution.

Repair, etc., of sea wall.

Plan of protection.

46 Stat. 945.
33 U. S. C. § 426.

Payment to States, etc.

SEC. 2. When the Chief of Engineers shall find that any such project has been constructed in accordance with the authorized plans and specifications he shall cause to be paid to the State, municipality, or political subdivision the amount authorized by Congress.

Payments on construction.

SEC. 3. The Chief of Engineers may, in his discretion, from time to time, make payments on such construction as the work progresses, but these payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the United States pro rata part of the value of the labor and materials which have been actually put into such construction in conformity to said plans and specifications: *Provided*, That the construction of improvement and protective works may be undertaken by the Chief of Engineers upon the request of, and contribution of

Works undertaken by Chief of Engineers.

required funds by, the interested State, municipality or other political subdivision.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act, the word "shores" includes all the shore lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and lakes, estuaries and bays directly connected therewith.

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[CHAPTER 961]

AN ACT

To insure the preservation of technical and economic records of domestic sources of ores of metals and minerals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) after the termination of hostilities in the present war or at such date prior or subsequent thereto as the agency may determine all files and records which relate to the technological and economic phases of domestic sources, supply, and beneficiation of the ores of metals and minerals, and which no longer are required in the conduct of the business of the various governmental agencies (including Government owned or controlled corporations) dealing with such matters, shall be transferred to and consolidated in the possession of the Bureau of Mines.

(b) Whenever an agency having custody of any such files and records determines that it has no further need therefor, it shall immediately notify the Bureau of Mines. Upon receipt of such notification the Bureau of Mines, with the aid and advice of the staff of such agency, shall carefully examine such files and records, eliminate extraneous and duplicative material therefrom, and classify the data contained therein in such form as will be of greatest permanent value to the national economy. Each item transferred to the Bureau of Mines shall be microfilmed by the agency having original custody of such files and records and such microfilm shall be delivered to The National Archives.

(c) Such portions of the aforesaid files and records as are not retained by the Bureau of Mines shall be subject to disposal in the manner prescribed by law.

(d) The National Archives shall reimburse the agencies for the out-of-pocket cost of microfilming.

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[CHAPTER 962]

AN ACT

To provide for the training of officers for the naval service, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a naval and Marine Corps officer candidate training program, supplementary to existing programs, is hereby established, which shall be administered by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with the provisions of this Act and with such regulations as the President may prescribe.

SEC. 2. No individual shall be enrolled in the training program which this Act establishes unless (a) he be a male citizen of the United States; (b) with the consent of his parent or legal guardian in the case of a minor, he shall have entered into a contractual agreement with the Secretary of the Navy, acting for and on behalf of the United States, in which said individual obligates himself to the United States

"Shores."

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Bureau of Mines.
Transfer of records
relating to ores.

Notification.

Microfilming.

Disposal of portions
not retained.

Reimbursement.

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[Public Law 729]

Navy.
Officer candidate
training program.

Enrollment.
Requirements and
obligation.