

Public Law 89

CHAPTER 172

AN ACT

To increase the efficiency of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and for other purposes.

June 21, 1955
[H. R. 5398]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of March 4, 1907 (ch. 2918, sec. 1, 34 Stat. 1322) as amended (33 U. S. C. 862), is further amended to read as follows: "Commissioned officers, ships officers, members of crews of vessels, and field employees of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey are authorized to make assignments or allotments of their pay under such regulations as the Secretary of Commerce may prescribe."

Coast and Geo-
detic Survey.
Pay allotments.

SEC. 2. (a) The last proviso of the first paragraph of section 16, Act of May 22, 1917 (40 Stat. 88; 33 U. S. C. 854), is amended to read as follows: "No person shall be appointed ensign and no commissioned officer shall be promoted to a higher permanent grade on the active list until he has passed a satisfactory mental and physical examination in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce."

Examination for
officers.

(b) Section 16 of the Act of May 22, 1917 (40 Stat. 88; 33 U. S. C. 856), is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the third paragraph and substituting therefor the following:

Service with
Armed Forces.
Rank.

"When serving with the Army, Navy, or Air Force, commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall rank with and after officers of corresponding grade in the Army, Navy, or Air Force of the same length of service in grade."

SEC. 3. (a) The second proviso of section 2b of the Act of January 19, 1942 (56 Stat. 7; 33 U. S. C. 854a (b)), as amended, is further amended by inserting a period after the word "engineer" and deleting the words "in excess of one year" which appear at the end of the proviso.

Service credit.

(b) Section 8 of the Act of January 19, 1942 (56 Stat. 8), as amended (33 U. S. C. 852b), is further amended to read as follows:

Assistant Di-
rector.
Appointment,
etc.

"The Assistant Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the active list of commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey not below the rank of commander, for a term of four years, and may be reappointed for further periods of four years each: *Provided*, That the appointment of the Assistant Director shall terminate six months after the appointment of a new Director. His appointment shall create a vacancy and, while holding said office, he shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a rear admiral (lower half).

"Any officer who may be retired while serving as Director or Assistant Director, or who has or shall have served four years as Director or Assistant Director and is retired after completion of such service while serving in a lower rank or grade, shall be retired with the rank, pay, and allowances authorized by law for the highest grade or rank held by him as Director or Assistant Director: *Provided*, That any officer, upon expiration of his appointment as Director or Assistant Director, shall, unless reappointed, revert to the grade and number that he would have occupied had he not served as Director or Assistant Director and such officer shall be an extra number in his grade."

SEC. 4. (a) Section 6 (a) of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers Act of June 3, 1948 (62 Stat. 298; 33 U. S. C. 853e) is amended by changing the period to a colon at the end thereof and adding the following: "*Provided*, That whenever there are vacancies

Ensigns.
Promotion.

**Appointments
and promotions.**

in the grade of lieutenant (junior grade), officers in the permanent grade of ensign may be promoted to and appointed in the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) upon completion of two years' service."

(b) Section 10 (a) of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers Act of June 3, 1948 (62 Stat. 299; 33 U. S. C. 853i (a)) is amended to read:

"Appointments in and promotions to all permanent grades shall be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

Repeals.

SEC. 5. The following statutes are hereby repealed:

- (1) Section 4687 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 886).
- (2) Section 4688 of the Revised Statutes (33 U. S. C. 887).
- (3) Paragraph 7 of section 73 of the Act of January 12, 1895, as amended (28 Stat. 613; 44 U. S. C. 247).
- (4) The last paragraph of section 1 of the Act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 974; 33 U. S. C. 863).
- (5) The Act of March 9, 1909 (35 Stat. 1064; 33 U. S. C. 889 and 890).

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Public Law 90**CHAPTER 173****AN ACT**

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To amend section 16 of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust the salaries of postmasters, supervisors, and employees in the field service of the Post Office Department", approved October 24, 1951 (65 Stat. 632; 39 U. S. C. 876c).

**Postal service.
Compensation.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust the salaries of postmasters, supervisors, and employees in the field service of the Post Office Department", approved October 24, 1951 (65 Stat. 632; 39 U. S. C. 876c), is amended by inserting after the period at the end thereof a sentence to read as follows: "On and after July 1, 1952, postmasters, officers, and employees covered by this Act may be paid the compensation prescribed for their grade and position."

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed or interpreted to reduce the pay of any employee.

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Public Law 91**CHAPTER 174****AN ACT**

June 21, 1955
[H. R. 5695]

To continue until the close of June 30, 1958, the suspension of certain import taxes on copper.

Copper.

65 Stat. 44; 68
Stat. 330.

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 suspend certain import taxes on copper", approved May 22, 1951 (Public Law 38, Eighty-second Congress), as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out "June 30, 1955" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1958".

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