

That" and inserting in lieu thereof " , however,"; and

(3) striking out " : *Provided further*, That an employee of a local board having supervisory duties with respect to other employees of one or more local boards shall be designated as the 'executive secretary' of the local board or boards: *And provided further*, That the term of employment of such 'executive secretary' in such position shall in no case exceed ten years except when reappointed".

Effective date.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect not later than the beginning of the first pay period which begins on or after the ninetieth day following the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved December 5, 1973.

Public Law 93-177

AN ACT

December 6, 1973
[H. R. 9474]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the monthly rates of disability and death pensions and dependency and indemnity compensation, 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) subsection (b) of section 521 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) If the veteran is unmarried (or married but not living with and not reasonably contributing to the support of his spouse) and has no child, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$300 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$143. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$300 up to and including \$800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$800 up to and including \$1,300, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,300 up to and including \$1,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,600 up to and including \$2,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 6 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,200 up to and including \$2,500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 7 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,500 up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 8 cents. No pension shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$2,600."

(b) Subsection (c) of such section 521 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) If the veteran is married and living with or reasonably contributing to the support of his spouse, or has a child or children, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$500 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$154 for a veteran and one dependent, \$159 for a veteran and two dependents, and \$164 for three or more dependents. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$500 up to and including \$800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$800 up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,600 up to and including \$3,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,200 up to and including \$3,700, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,700 up to and including \$3,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 6 cents. No pension shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$3,800."

Veterans benefits, increases.
85 Stat. 663, 664.

Unmarried veterans.

Veterans with dependents.

(c) Subsection (b) of section 541 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

Widows.
85 Stat. 663.

"(b) If there is no child, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$300 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$96. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$300 up to and including \$600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$600 up to and including \$1,400, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,400, up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents. No pension shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$2,600."

(d) Subsection (c) of such section 541 is amended to read as follows:

Widow with one
child.

"(c) If there is a widow and one child, pension shall be paid according to the following formula: If annual income is \$700 or less, the monthly rate of pension shall be \$114. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$700 up to and including \$1,100, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,100 up to and including \$2,500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,500 up to and including \$3,400, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$3,400 up to and including \$3,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents. Whenever the monthly rate payable to the widow under the foregoing formula is less than the amount which would be payable to the child under section 542 of this title if the widow were not entitled, the widow will be paid at the child's rate. No pension shall be paid if the annual income exceeds \$3,800."

SEC. 2. Section 541(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "17" and substituting in lieu thereof "18".

85 Stat. 664.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 542(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking the figures "42" and "17" respectively, and substituting in lieu thereof the figures "44" and "18", respectively.

Children.

SEC. 4. (a) Subsection (b) of section 415 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

One parent.

85 Stat. 661.

"(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if there is only one parent, dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid to him according to the following formula: If annual income is \$800 or less, the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation shall be \$110. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$800 up to and including \$1,100, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,100 up to and including \$1,500, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,500 up to and including \$1,700, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,700 up to and including \$2,000, the monthly rate shall be reduced 6 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,000 up to and including \$2,300, the monthly rate shall be reduced 7 cents; and for each \$1 annual income in excess of \$2,300 up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 8 cents. No dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid if annual income exceeds \$2,600.

"(2) If there is only one parent and he has remarried and is living with his spouse, dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid to him under either the formula of paragraph (1) of this subsection or under the formula in subsection (d), whichever is the greater. In such a case of remarriage the total combined annual income

of the parent and his spouse shall be counted in determining the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation under the appropriate formula.”

Two parents.
85 Stat. 661.

(b) Subsection (c) of such section 415 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), if there are two parents, but they are not living together, dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid to each according to the following formula: If the annual income of each parent is \$800 or less, the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity payable to each shall be \$77. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$800 up to and including \$1,100, the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,100 up to and including \$1,400, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,400 up to and including \$2,300, the monthly rate shall be reduced 4 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,300 up to and including \$2,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced 5 cents.

No dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid to a parent whose annual income exceeds \$2,600.”

(c) Subsection (d) of such section 415 is amended to read as follows:

“(d) If there are two parents who are living together, or if a parent has remarried and is living with his spouse, dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid to each such parent according to the following formula: If the total combined annual income is \$1,000 or less, the monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation payable to each parent shall be \$74. For each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,000 up to and including \$1,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced 1 cent; for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$1,200 up to and including \$2,900, the monthly rate shall be reduced 2 cents; and for each \$1 of annual income in excess of \$2,900 up to and including \$3,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced 3 cents. No dependency and indemnity compensation shall be paid to either parent if the total combined annual income exceeds \$3,800.”

86 Stat. 394.

SEC. 5. Section 3203 (a) (1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out “30” and inserting in lieu thereof “50”.

72 Stat. 1226.

SEC. 6. (a) Subsection (b) of section 3010 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “(1)” immediately after “(b)”, and by adding at the end of said subsection the following new paragraph:

Effective date.

“(2) The effective date of an award of disability pension to a veteran shall be the date of application or the date on which the veteran became permanently and totally disabled, if an application therefor is received within one year from such date, whichever is to the advantage of the veteran.”

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to applications filed after its effective date, but in no event shall an award made thereunder be effective prior to such effective date.

Brownsville,
Tex., incident.

SEC. 7. (a) Any veteran who was dishonorably discharged from the United States Army as the result of an incident that occurred in Brownsville, Texas, on August 13, 1906, and who was not subsequently ruled eligible for reenlistment in the Army by a special Army tribunal decision dated April 6, 1910, shall, upon application made to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs together with such evidence as the Administrator may require, be paid the sum of \$25,000.

(b) Any unremarried widow of any veteran described in subsection (a) of this section shall, upon application made to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs together with such evidence as the Administrator may require, be paid the sum of \$10,000 if such veteran died prior to the date of enactment of this Act or if such veteran failed to make application for payment under subsection (a) after such date of enactment and prior to his death.

(c) Payment authorized to be made under this section in the case of any veteran or widow shall be made by the Secretary of the Army, out of funds available for the payment of retired pay to Army personnel, upon certification by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs of the entitlement of such veteran or widow to receive such payment. In no case may any payment be made to any veteran or widow under this section unless application for such payment is made within five years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1974.

Effective date.

Approved December 6, 1973.

Public Law 93-178

AN ACT

December 10, 1973
[H. R. 11710]

To insure that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the Office of Attorney General are those which were in effect on January 1, 1969.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the compensation and other emoluments attached to the Office of Attorney General shall be those which were in effect on January 1, 1969, notwithstanding the provisions of the salary recommendations for 1969 increases transmitted to the Congress on January 15, 1969, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, or provision which has the force and effect of law, which is enacted or becomes effective during the period from noon, January 3, 1969, through noon, January 2, 1975.

SEC. 2. (a) Any person aggrieved by an action of the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court to contest the constitutionality of the appointment and continuance in office of the Attorney General on the ground that such appointment and continuance in office is in violation of article I, section 6, clause 2, of the Constitution. The United States district courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction, without regard to the sum or value of the matter in controversy, to determine the validity of such appointment and continuance in office.

(b) Any action brought under this section shall be heard and determined by a panel of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section 2284 of title 28, United States Code. Any appeal from the action of a court convened pursuant to such section shall lie to the Supreme Court.

(c) Any judge designated to hear any action brought under this section shall cause such action to be in every way expedited.

Approved December 10, 1973.

Office of the
Attorney General.
Compensation
and other emolu-
ments.

83 Stat. 863.
5 USC 5312 and
note.

USC prec. title
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62 Stat. 968;
74 Stat. 201.

Public Law 93-179

AN ACT

December 11, 1973
[H. R. 7446]

To establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as this Nation approaches the bicentennial of its birth and the historic events preceding and associated with the American Revolution which are of

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lution Bicen-
tennial Administra-
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Establishment.