

Public Law 93-613

AN ACT

To establish a working capital fund in the Department of Justice.

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 17010]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 31 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following new section at the end thereof:

“§ 527. Establishment of working capital fund

“There is hereby authorized to be established a working capital fund for the Department of Justice, which shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, for expenses and equipment necessary for maintenance and operations of such administrative services as the Attorney General, with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget, determines may be performed more advantageously as central services. The capital of the fund shall consist of the amount of the fair and reasonable value of such inventories, equipment, and other assets and inventories on order pertaining to the services to be carried on by the fund as the Attorney General may transfer to the fund less related liabilities and unpaid obligations together with any appropriations made for the purpose of providing capital. The fund shall be reimbursed or credited with advance payments from applicable appropriations and funds of the Department of Justice, other Federal agencies, and other sources authorized by law for supplies, materials, and services at rates which will recover the expenses of operations including accrual of annual leave and depreciation of plant and equipment of the fund. The fund shall also be credited with other receipts from sale or exchange of property or in payment for loss or damage to property held by the fund. There shall be transferred into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, as of the close of each fiscal year, any net income after making provisions for prior year losses, if any.

(2) The section analysis of chapter 31 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following item at the end thereof:

“527. Establishment of working capital fund.”.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Department of
Justice.
Working capital
fund, establish-
ment.
28 USC 527.

Public Law 93-614

AN ACT

To provide a People's Counsel for the Public Service Commission in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 17450]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there is hereby established within the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, established by section 8 of the Act of March 4, 1913, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 43-201), an office to be known as the “Office of the People's Counsel”.

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Office of the
People's Counsel,
establishment.
D.C. Code 43-
205.

(b) There shall be at the head of such office the People's Counsel who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of the District of Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the District of Columbia Council, and who shall serve for a term of three years. Appointments to the position of People's Counsel shall be made without regard to the provisions of title 5 of the United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service. The People's Counsel shall be entitled

Membership.

to receive compensation at the maximum rate as may be established from time to time for GS-16 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5 of the United States Code. No person shall be appointed to the position of People's Counsel unless that person is admitted to practice before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Before entering upon the duties of such office, the People's Counsel shall take and subscribe the same oaths as that required by the Commissioners of the Commission, including an oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia that he is not pecuniarily interested, voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, in any public utility in the District of Columbia.

(c) The People's Counsel is authorized to employ and fix the compensation of such employees, including attorneys, as are necessary to perform the functions vested in him by this Act, and prescribe their authority and duties.

(d) The People's Counsel—

(1) shall represent and appeal for the people of the District of Columbia at hearings of the Commission and in judicial proceedings involving the interests of users of the products of or services furnished by public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission;

(2) may represent and appear for petitioners appearing before the Commission for the purpose of complaining in matters of rates or services;

(3) may investigate the services given by, the rates charged by, and the valuation of the properties of, the public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission; and

(4) is authorized to develop means to otherwise assure that the interests of users of the products of or services furnished by public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission are adequately represented in the course of proceedings before the Commission, including public information dissemination, consultative services, and technical assistance.

SEC. 2. Paragraph 42 of section 8 of the Act of March 4, 1913 (making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia) (D.C. Code, sec. 43-412), is amended as follows:

(a) The first sentence of such paragraph 42 is amended to read as follows: "The expenses, including the expenses of the Office of the People's Counsel, of any investigation, valuation, revaluation, or proceeding of any nature by the Public Service Commission of or concerning any public utility operating in the District of Columbia, and all expenses of any litigation, including appeals, arising from any such investigation, valuation, revaluation, or proceeding, or from any order or action of the Commission, shall be borne by the public utility investigated, valued, revalued, or otherwise affected as a special franchise tax in addition to all other taxes imposed by law, and such expenses with interest at 6 per centum per annum may be charged to operating expenses and amortized over such period as the Commission shall deem proper and be allowed for in the rates to be charged by such utility."

(b) The second sentence of such paragraph 42 is amended by inserting "; or certified by the People's Counsel with respect to his expenses" immediately before the period at the end of that sentence.

(c) The third sentence of such paragraph 42 is amended by inserting "and the People's Counsel, combined" immediately after "Commission".

5 USC 5332
note.

Compensation.

Duties.

Expenses.

SEC. 3. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, there is authorized to be appropriated such sum, not to exceed \$50,000, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and each fiscal year thereafter, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed \$100,000 in any one fiscal year, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Appropriation,
D.C. Code 43-
205a.

Public Law 93-615

AN ACT

To amend the Act of May 13, 1954, relating to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation to provide for a seven-year term of office for the Administrator, and for other purposes.

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 17558]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) subsections (a) and (b) of section 2 of the Act of May 13, 1954, referred to as the Saint Lawrence Seaway Act (33 U.S.C. 982), are amended to read as follows:

Saint Lawrence
Seaway Develop-
ment Corporation.
Administrator,
term of office.

"MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION

"SEC. 2. (a) The management of the corporation shall be vested in an Administrator who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of seven years. Any Administrator appointed to fill a vacancy in that position prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term."

(b) Subsection (c) of section 2 of such Act of May 13, 1954, is relettered as subsection (b), including any references thereto.

SEC. 2. The amendments made to section 2 of the Act of May 13, 1954, by the first section of this Act shall (1) take effect upon the first appointment of an Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation which is made after the date of enactment of this Act, and (2) be applicable to such first appointment and to each subsequent appointment to such position.

Effective date,
33 USC 982
note.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Public Law 93-616

AN ACT

To designate a national laboratory as the "Holifield National Laboratory".

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 17628]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Holifield National Laboratory". Any reference in any law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory shall be held to be reference to the Holifield National Laboratory.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Oak Ridge Na-
tional Laboratory,
Tenn.
Name change.