

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands, referred to in subsec. (b), are classified generally to Title 43, Public Lands.

## CODIFICATION

Subsec. (d) of this section, which provided for recommendation of legislation concerning the islands of eastern Samoa by seven commissioners as soon as reasonably practicable, was omitted from the Code.

Section was formerly classified to section 1431a of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1929—Subsec. (d), Act May 22, 1929, substituted “seven” and “three” for “six” and “two”, respectively, and inserted “or high chiefs” after “chiefs”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

AUTHORITY OF GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO ENACT REVENUE LAWS

See section 1271 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 931 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

## SUBMERGED LANDS, CONVEYANCE TO TERRITORY

Conveyance of submerged lands to the government of American Samoa, see section 1701 et seq. of this title.

**§ 1662. Sovereignty of United States extended over Swains Island**

The sovereignty of the United States over American Samoa is extended over Swains Island, which is made a part of American Samoa and placed under the jurisdiction of the administrative and judicial authorities of the government established therein by the United States.

(Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 563, 43 Stat. 1357.)

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## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1431 of this title.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Pub. L. 96-597, title I, §101, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3477, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the Government of the United States in personal property situated in American Samoa shall be transferred, without reimbursement, to the American Samoa government on October 1, 1981, unless the agency of the Government of the United States having administrative responsibility for the property advises the Secretary of the Interior in writing before the date of transfer that it has a continuing requirement for such property.”

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Pub. L. 87-158, Aug. 17, 1961, 75 Stat. 392, authorized the Secretary of the Navy to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the government of American Samoa, within ninety days after August 17, 1961, title to all property, real and personal, located in American Samoa on that date which was owned by the United States and was within the administrative supervision of the Department of the Navy on such date.

## SUBMERGED LANDS, CONVEYANCE TO TERRITORY

Conveyance of submerged lands to the government of American Samoa, see section 1701 et seq. of this title.

**Executive Documents**

EX. ORD. NO. 10264. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Ex. Ord. No. 10264, eff. June 29, 1951, 16 F.R. 6419, provided:

1. The administration of American Samoa is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer to become effective on July 1, 1951.

2. The Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior shall proceed with the plans for the transfer of administration of American Samoa as embodied in the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding between the two departments.

3. When the transfer of administration made by this order becomes effective, the Secretary of the Interior shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of civil government in American Samoa.

4. The executive departments and agencies of the Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Departments of the Navy and Interior in the effectuation of the provisions of this order.

5. The said Executive order of February 19, 1900 [Ex. Ord. 125-A], is revoked, effective July 1, 1951.

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**§ 1662a. Repealed. Pub. L. 118-232, § 1, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2834**

Section, Pub. L. 98-213, §12, Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1462, provided that amendments or modifications to the constitution of American Samoa, as approved pursuant to Executive Order 10264 as in effect Jan. 1, 1983, could be made only by Congress.

**§ 1663. Acknowledgment of deeds**

Deeds and other instruments affecting land situate in the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States may be acknowledged in the islands of Guam and Samoa or in the Canal Zone before any notary public or judge, appointed therein by proper authority, or by any officer therein who has ex officio the powers of a notary public: *Provided*, That the certificate by such notary in Guam, Samoa, or the Canal Zone, as the case may be, shall be accompanied by the certificate of the governor or acting governor of such place to the effect that the notary taking said acknowledgment was in fact the officer he purported to be; and any deeds or other instruments affecting lands so situate, so acknowledged since the first day of January, 1905, and accompanied by such certificate shall have the same effect as such deeds or other instruments hereafter so acknowledged and certified.

(June 28, 1906, ch. 3585, 34 Stat. 552.)

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For definition of Canal Zone, referred to in text, see section 3602(b) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

## CODIFICATION

Section is also classified to section 1421f-1 of this title.

Section was formerly classified to sections 1358 and 1432 of this title.

**§ 1664. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-304, § 19, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1710**

Section, act June 14, 1934, ch. 523, 48 Stat. 963, made coastwise shipping laws of United States inapplicable

to commerce between the islands of American Samoa or between those islands and other ports under the jurisdiction of the United States. See section 55101 of Title 46, Shipping.

### § 1665. Omitted

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##### CODIFICATION

Section, act Oct. 5, 1992, Pub. L. 102-381, title I, 106 Stat. 1392, which authorized Territorial and local governments of American Samoa to make purchases through General Services Administration, was from the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 1469e of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- Nov. 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-154, title I, 105 Stat. 1007.
- Nov. 5, 1990, Pub. L. 101-512, title I, 104 Stat. 1932.
- Oct. 23, 1989, Pub. L. 101-121, title I, 103 Stat. 716.
- Sept. 27, 1988, Pub. L. 100-446, title I, 102 Stat. 1797.
- Dec. 22, 1987, Pub. L. 100-202, §101(g) [title I], 101 Stat. 1329-213, 1329-231.
- Oct. 18, 1986, Pub. L. 99-500, §101(h) [title I], 100 Stat. 1783-242, 1783-258, and Oct. 30, 1986, Pub. L. 99-591, §101(h) [title I], 100 Stat. 3341-242, 3341-258.
- Dec. 19, 1985, Pub. L. 99-190, §101(d) [title I], 99 Stat. 1224, 1238.
- Oct. 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-473, title I, §101(c) [title I], 98 Stat. 1837, 1851.
- Nov. 4, 1983, Pub. L. 98-146, title I, 97 Stat. 931.
- Dec. 30, 1982, Pub. L. 97-394, title I, 96 Stat. 1979.
- Dec. 23, 1981, Pub. L. 97-100, title I, 95 Stat. 1401.
- Dec. 12, 1980, Pub. L. 96-514, title I, 94 Stat. 2969.
- Nov. 27, 1979, Pub. L. 96-126, title I, 93 Stat. 965.
- Oct. 17, 1978, Pub. L. 95-465, title I, 92 Stat. 1289.
- July 26, 1977, Pub. L. 95-74, title I, 91 Stat. 295.
- July 31, 1976, Pub. L. 94-373, title I, 90 Stat. 1052.
- Dec. 23, 1975, Pub. L. 94-165, title I, 89 Stat. 987.
- Aug. 31, 1974, Pub. L. 93-404, title I, 88 Stat. 812.
- Oct. 4, 1973, Pub. L. 93-120, title I, 87 Stat. 433.
- Aug. 10, 1972, Pub. L. 92-369, title I, 86 Stat. 512.
- Aug. 10, 1971, Pub. L. 92-76, title I, 85 Stat. 233.
- July 31, 1970, Pub. L. 91-361, title I, 84 Stat. 673.
- Oct. 29, 1969, Pub. L. 91-98, title I, 83 Stat. 151.
- July 26, 1968, Pub. L. 90-425, title I, 82 Stat. 430.
- June 24, 1967, Pub. L. 90-28, title I, 81 Stat. 63.
- May 31, 1966, Pub. L. 89-435, title I, 80 Stat. 174.
- June 28, 1965, Pub. L. 89-52, title I, 79 Stat. 179.
- July 7, 1964, Pub. L. 88-356, title I, 78 Stat. 278.
- July 26, 1963, Pub. L. 88-79, title I, 77 Stat. 102.
- Aug. 9, 1962, Pub. L. 87-578, title I, 76 Stat. 339.
- Aug. 3, 1961, Pub. L. 87-122, title I, 75 Stat. 250.
- May 13, 1960, Pub. L. 86-455, title I, 74 Stat. 112.
- June 23, 1959, Pub. L. 86-60, title I, 73 Stat. 101.
- June 4, 1958, Pub. L. 85-439, title I, 72 Stat. 163.
- July 1, 1957, Pub. L. 85-77, title I, 71 Stat. 265.
- June 13, 1956, ch. 380, title I, 70 Stat. 265.
- June 16, 1955, ch. 147, title I, 69 Stat. 149.
- July 1, 1954, ch. 446, title I, 68 Stat. 372.
- July 31, 1953, ch. 298, title I, 67 Stat. 273.
- July 9, 1952, ch. 597, title I, 66 Stat. 457.
- Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 375, title I, 65 Stat. 263.

### § 1666. Extension of scientific, technical, and other assistance; grant-in-aid program restriction; limitations on expenditures

Upon request of the Secretary of the Interior—

(a) the head of any Federal department, agency, or corporation may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, extend to American Samoa, without reimbursement, such scientific, technical, and other assistance under any program which it administers as, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, will

promote the welfare of American Samoa. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply to financial assistance under any grant-in-aid program. The Secretary of the Interior shall not request assistance pursuant to this subsection which will involve nonreimbursable costs as estimated for him in advance by the heads of the departments, agencies, and corporations concerned in excess of an aggregate of \$150,000 in any one fiscal year;

(b) the Secretary of Agriculture may extend to American Samoa the benefits of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.]; and

(c) the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare may extend to American Samoa the benefits of the Vocational Education Act of 1946, the Hospital Survey and Construction Act [42 U.S.C. 291 et seq.], and section 246 of title 42, all as amended.

(Pub. L. 87-688, §1, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §709(a)(7)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-312; Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §752(b)(18), Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1170.)

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##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, referred to in subsec. (b), is act June 4, 1946, ch. 281, 60 Stat. 230, which is classified generally to chapter 13 (§1751 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1751 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Vocational Education Act of 1946, referred to in subsec. (c), is act June 8, 1936, ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488, which was classified to sections 15h to 15q, 15aa to 15jj, and 15aaa to 15ggg of Title 20, Education, and was repealed by section 103 of Pub. L. 90-576, title I, Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1091. See section 2301 et seq. of Title 20.

The Hospital Survey and Construction Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Aug. 13, 1946, ch. 958, 60 Stat. 1041, which added a title VI to the Public Health Service Act, and was classified to subchapter IV (§291 et seq.) of chapter 6A of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Such title VI was amended generally by Pub. L. 88-443, §3(a) Aug. 18, 1964, 78 Stat. 447. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

##### AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-78 substituted “Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act” for “National School Lunch Act”.

1996—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-208 struck out “the Library Services Act,” after “the Vocational Education Act of 1946.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions and offices (relating to education) of Secretary and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to Secretary and Department of Education, and termination of certain offices and positions and redesignation of Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare as Secretary of Health and Human Services, see sections 3441, 3503, and 3508 of Title 20, Education.

### § 1667. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-576, title I, § 103, Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1091

Section, Pub. L. 87-688, §2, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 586, extended to American Samoa the benefits of the Voca-