

sentence: "The garnishee, in any case in which the property or credits attached or sought to be attached is held by him in the name of or for the account of another than the defendant, shall retain such property or credits during the period pending determination by the court of the propriety of the attachment or the rightful owner of such property or credits, and, during such period, shall incur no liability whatsoever for such retention."

Approved, April 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 38]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph 57 of section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1913.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subparagraph fifth, paragraph 57, of section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 974), be amended by deleting the words "four per centum, if an electric meter, or more than" and deleting "if a gas meter," so that the said subparagraph when so amended shall read as follows:

"If any consumer to whom a meter has been furnished shall request the Commission in writing to inspect such meter, the Commission shall have the same inspected and tested; if the same, on being so tested, shall be found to be more than 2 per centum defective or incorrect to the prejudice of the consumer, the inspector shall order the gas or electrical corporation forthwith to remove the same and to place instead a correct meter, and the expense of such inspection and test shall be borne by the corporation; if the same, on being so tested, shall be found to be correct, the expense of such inspection and test shall be borne by the consumer."

Approved, April 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 39]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of research assistants in the public schools of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Education is hereby authorized to appoint research assistants who shall qualify for said positions by meeting such eligibility requirements as the said Board may prescribe and who shall on appointment be assigned to salary class 2 of article I of the Teachers' Salary Act, approved June 4, 1924, in accordance with the professional qualifications which they possess at the time of appointment.

SEC. 2. Research assistants shall be appointed to either group A or group C of said salary class 2 in accordance with the eligibility qualifications possessed and the character of duties to be performed by such research assistants.

SEC. 3. Research assistants shall be promoted to group B or group D of said salary class 2 on the basis of such evidence of superior work and increased professional attainments as the Board of Education may prescribe.

April 5, 1939

[S. 1123]

[Public, No. 21]

District of Columbia.

37 Stat. 987.  
26 D. C. Code § 82.

Inspection, etc., of gas and electric meters.

Expense, by whom borne.

April 5, 1939

[S. 1125]

[Public, No. 22]

District of Columbia.  
Public schools.  
Research assistants;  
appointment, qualifications, salary.

43 Stat. 367.  
7 D. C. Code § 31.

Group assignments.

Promotions.

SEC. 4. That research assistants shall be classified as teachers for pay-roll purposes and for retirement purposes.

SEC. 5. Appointments, assignments, and transfers authorized in this Act shall be made in accordance with the Act approved June 20, 1906, as amended (Public, Numbered 254).

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1939.

Approved, April 5, 1939.

Classification for pay-roll and retirement purposes.

Manner of making appointments, assignments, etc.  
34 Stat. 316.

Effective date.

[CHAPTER 40]

AN ACT

To provide alternative methods of enforcement of orders, rules, and regulations of the Joint Board and of the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia.

April 5, 1939

[S. 1126]

[Public, No. 23]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That prosecution for violation of any rule, order, or regulation made, adopted, or approved by the Public Utilities Commission under authority of section 8 of the Act approved March 4, 1913 (37 U. S. Stat. L. 974), or amendments thereto, or section 6 (e) of the Traffic Acts, as amended February 27, 1931 (46 U. S. Stat. L. 1424), or section 7 of the Act approved July 1, 1902 (32 U. S. Stat. L. 590), as amended by the Act approved July 1, 1932 (47 U. S. Stat. L. 550), or by the Joint Board under authority of section 6 (e) of the said Traffic Acts, as amended February 27, 1931, or section 7 of said Act approved July 1, 1902, as amended by said Act approved July 1, 1932, shall be on information in the Police Court of the District of Columbia, in the name of the District of Columbia, by the corporation counsel or any of his assistants. Any person, corporation, or public utility violating any such rule, order, or regulation shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$200: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to apply to rules, orders, or regulations adopted or promulgated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia which are not specifically required to be referred to the Joint Board or subject to the approval of such board: *Provided further*, That with respect to orders, rules, or regulations made or adopted by the Public Utilities Commission under authority of section 8 of the said Act approved March 4, 1913, this section shall be construed to apply only to such orders, rules, or regulations as are subject to the penalties specifically provided in paragraph 85 of that Act.

District of Columbia.  
Joint Board and Public Utilities Commission.

Alternative methods of enforcement of orders, rules, and regulations of.

37 Stat. 974.  
46 Stat. 1426.  
32 Stat. 622.  
47 Stat. 550.

Penalty for violation.

*Provisos.*  
Exception.

Limitations as to orders, etc., of Public Utilities Commission.

37 Stat. 992.  
26 D. C. Code § 110.

Construction of provisions.  
37 Stat. 992.  
26 D. C. Code § 110.

SEC. 2. The provisions of section 1 of this Act and of paragraph 85 of section 8 of the said Act approved March 4, 1913, so far as they relate to the orders, rules, and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission, shall be construed as prescribing alternative methods of enforcement of the orders, rules, or regulations of the Commission, and any order, rule, or regulation adopted by the Public Utilities Commission which is required to be referred to or is subject to the approval of the Joint Board may be enforced either as provided by paragraph 85 of section 8 of the Act approved March 4, 1913, or as provided in section 1 of this Act.

Approved, April 5, 1939.