

necessary to entitle him to pension shall not be included; but in the case of an employee who is eligible for and receives pension or compensation under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration on account of service-connected disability, all honorable military or naval service shall be included; and nothing in this Act shall be construed as to affect in any manner an employee's right to retired pay, pension, or compensation in addition to the annuity herein provided."

SEC. 4. That the last clause of paragraph (o) of section 26 of the Act entitled "An Act for the grading and classification of clerks in the Foreign Service of the United States of America, and providing compensation therefor", approved February 23, 1931 (46 Stat. 1213; 22 U. S. C. 21), as amended by the Act of August 5, 1939 (Public Law Numbered 277, Seventy-sixth Congress), be further amended to read as follows: "but in the case of a Foreign Service officer who is eligible for and receives retired pay on account of military or naval service, the period of service upon which such retired pay is based shall not be included; in the case of an employee who is eligible for and receives a pension on account of non-service-connected disability under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration the minimum period of service necessary to entitle him to pension shall not be included; but in the case of an employee who is eligible for and receives pension or compensation under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration on account of service-connected disability, all honorable military or naval service shall be included; and nothing in this Act shall be construed as to affect in any manner an employee's right to retired pay, pension, or compensation in addition to the annuity herein provided".

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect the 1st day of the month next succeeding the date of enactment. Any person separated from the service prior to such effective date may, upon request, have his claim for retirement adjudicated under the terms of this Act; but no increase in annuity shall be allowed prior to such effective date nor shall this Act be construed so as to reduce the annuity of any person separated prior to its effective date.

Approved, October 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 860]

AN ACT

To provide for the retirement of certain members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police force, the White House Police force, and the members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 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 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes", approved September 1, 1916, is amended by adding after the fourth paragraph of such section a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Whenever any member of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, or of the United States Park Police force, or of the White House Police force, or the Fire Department of the District of Columbia has served twenty-five years or more as a member of such department or police force, or the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, or any combination of such service, or whenever any member of the United States Secret Service, who has served twenty-five years in the service of the United States Government, the

Foreign Service.
Retirement and disability system.

53 Stat. 1208.
22 U. S. C. § 21 (o);
Supp. V, § 21 (o).

Computation of period of service.

Effective date.

October 14, 1940
[H. R. 8846]
[Public, No. 847]

District of Columbia.
Retirement of Metropolitan Police, etc.

39 Stat. 718.

Voluntary retirement.
Requirements.

duties of whom in whole or in part related to the protection of the life of the President and who has actively performed duties other than clerical for ten years or more directly related to the protection of the President extended by the Secret Service Division and having reached the age of fifty-five years, he may, at his election, be retired from the service of any such police department or police force or Division or fire department, and shall be entitled to receive retirement compensation from the said policemen and firemen's relief fund, District of Columbia, in an amount equal to 50 per centum per annum of the salary received by him at the date of retirement: *Provided, however,* That in any fiscal year any such retirement shall be in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and in no fiscal year shall the amount of all such retirements authorized under the provisions of this paragraph aggregate more than \$30,000: *Provided further,* That, when any member of the United States Secret Service Division shall have performed service in connection with the protection of the President for ten years or more, thereby becoming subject to future retirement after twenty-five years' service under the provisions of this Act, that he shall be authorized to transfer all funds to his credit in the United States Civil Service Retirement Fund to the Policemen and Firemen's Relief Fund of the District of Columbia, and that after the transfer of such funds, the salary of that member shall be subject to the same deductions for credit to the Policemen and Firemen's Relief Fund of the District of Columbia as the deductions from salaries of other members contributing to that fund, and he shall be entitled to the same benefits as other members contributing to that fund."

Compensation.

Provisos.
Regulations.

Limitation.

U. S. Secret Service
Division.
Transfer of retire-
ment funds.

Approved, October 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 861]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing construction of water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States", approved August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418), and an Act entitled "An Act to promote conservation in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States by aiding in the development of facilities for water storage and utilization, and for other purposes", approved August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 869).

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 authorizing construction of water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States", approved August 11, 1939 (53 Stat. 1418), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. For the purpose of stabilizing water supply and thereby rehabilitating farmers on the land and providing opportunities for permanent settlement of farm families, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary") is hereby authorized to investigate and, upon compliance with the provisions of this Act, to construct water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States, and to operate and maintain each such project in accordance with the provisions of this Act: *Provided,* That the United States shall retain title to the dams, reservoirs, irrigation, and other project works until Congress otherwise provides: *And provided further,* That expenditures from appropriations made directly pursuant to the authority contained in section 12 (1) to meet reimbursable construction costs allocated to irrigation as defined in section 4 (b) shall not exceed \$1,000,000 for dams and reservoirs in any one project.

October 14, 1940
[H. R. 10122]
[Public, No. 848]Great Plains, etc.,
water conservation.16 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§§ 590y-590bb.Water conservation
and utilization proj-
ects.*Provisos.*
Federal title to proj-
ect works.Expenditures to
meet reimbursable
costs, limitation.