

Application for re-employment.

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50 U. S. C. app.
§ 308(b)(A); Supp. V,
§ 308(b)(A).

service: *Provided*, That, in the case of any such former member who has been discharged from or relieved from active duty in the Women's Army Corps prior to the effective date of this subsection, application for reemployment may be made at any time within ninety days after such effective date. The provisions of section 8 (b) (A) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, shall be applicable to any such former member without regard to whether the position which she held shall have been covered into the classified civil service during the period of her military service or during the period of her service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps."

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[CHAPTER 937]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to grant Georgia Power Company a one-hundred-foot perpetual easement across certain land in the State of Alabama constituting a portion of the military reservation designated as Fort Benning, Georgia.

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[Public Law 710]

Fort Benning, Ga.
Easement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, under such terms and conditions as he may deem advisable, to grant to the Georgia Power Company, its successors and/or assigns for transmission-line purposes, a one-hundred-foot perpetual easement over, across, in, and upon certain land in the State of Alabama constituting a portion of the military reservation designated as Fort Benning, Georgia.

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[CHAPTER 943]

AN ACT

To provide for investigating the matter of the establishment of a national park in the old part of the city of Philadelphia, for the purpose of conserving the historical objects and buildings therein.

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Philadelphia.

Whereas thousands of residents of the city of Philadelphia, comprising part of the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, have petitioned their representatives in the Congress of the United States upon the matters more fully hereinafter set forth; and Whereas the petition of the residents of the city of Philadelphia calls attention to the existence of many shrines hallowed in American history, as well as several modern buildings owned by the Federal Government, in the area of the city of Philadelphia, beginning at the southeast corner of Sixth Street and Chestnut Street and proceeding southwardly to the northeast corner of Sixth Street and Walnut Street; thence proceeding eastwardly to the northwest corner of Fifth Street and Walnut Street; thence proceeding northwardly to a point on the west side of Fifth Street which would be made by extending the north line of Sansom Street to the east side of Fifth Street; thence proceeding eastwardly along the north line of the said Sansom Street to a point in the east side of Fourth Street which would be made by extending the north line of the said Sansom Street to the east side of the said Fourth Street; thence southwardly to the northeast corner of Harmony and Fourth Streets; thence eastwardly to the northwest corner of Harmony and Third Streets; thence northwardly to a point at which a line extended perpendicularly from the east side of Third Street would meet the angle created by the lines forming the northeast corner of Third and Dock Streets; thence eastwardly along the northerly line

of said Dock Street to the northeast corner of Dock, South American, and Moravian Streets; thence eastwardly to the northwest corner of Moravian and Second Streets; thence northwardly to the southwest corner of Second and Chestnut Streets; thence westwardly to the southeast corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets, to the place of beginning; and calls attention to the fact that much of the area above described is run down, some properties are demolished, and others are in such dilapidated condition as to constitute a serious fire hazard of such proportions as to endanger Independence Hall, Carpenters' Hall, the Old Custom House, and the First Bank of the United States, as well as other landmarks and shrines of patriotism, and that such unsightly condition is not conducive to a proper respect and reverence for those American ideals which are symbolized by those shrines; and recommends that the Federal Government establish a national park in the above vicinity and also in the area bounded by Fifth Street on the east, Race Street on the north, Sixth Street on the west, and Chestnut Street on the south, which will assure at once a beautiful setting for those shrines and maximum protection against fire or other disaster; and

Whereas during these troubled times it is desirable to augment the defense effort of our Nation not only with arms but with proper emphasis on spiritual values; and

Whereas an attractive and inspiring setting will create a stronger sense of reverence for American institutions, laws and orders, which had their beginnings, in large part, in this group of shrines in the formative years around 1776; and

Whereas it is proper, fitting, and desirable that the United States of America should properly enshrine these jewels of democracy, so that all who visit these hallowed places from the far corners of this glorious democracy and the four corners of the world may be stirred with a feeling of patriotic reverence: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a commission is hereby created for the purpose of investigating the matter of the establishment in the city of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of a Federal area to be called Philadelphia National Shrines Park, or by some other appropriate name, to encompass within its area the buildings of historical significance in the old part of the city of Philadelphia, and to be operated and maintained by the National Park Service, for the purpose of conserving the historical objects and buildings in the said area and to provide for the enjoyment and appreciation thereof in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Philadelphia National Shrines Park.

SEC. 2. The Commission shall be known as the Philadelphia National Shrines Park Commission, and shall be composed of seven individuals, who shall serve without compensation, to be appointed as follows: One Member of the United States Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; one Member of the United States House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one member to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and four persons, one of whom shall be a resident of the city of Philadelphia, to be appointed by the President of the United States. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

Commission.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall meet for the purpose of organizing within thirty days after the enactment of this Act. Rooms shall be provided for the use of the Commission in the New Custom House at Philadelphia. The Commission shall elect a Chairman and executive secretary from among its members.

Meeting for organizing.

Study of historic area, etc.

Report.

Termination of Commission.

Functions, etc., of Commission.

SEC. 4. The Commission shall make a study of the historic area and the area surrounding and contiguous to the locality involved, the buildings now in existence there, comparative real-estate costs, the advisability of condemnation of all or any part of the said locality and area, which of the present buildings should remain privately owned, if any, and shall prepare a report on all phases of the problem. Such report shall be transmitted to the Congress by the Secretary of the Interior not later than January 3, 1947. Upon submission of the report to Congress, the Commission shall cease to exist.

SEC. 5. The Commission, or any member thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, hold hearings and sit and act at such places and times, require by subpoena the attendance of such witnesses other than persons engaged in essential war industries as defined by the War Manpower Commission, and the production of such books, papers, and documents, administer such oaths, and take such testimony, as the Commission or such member deems advisable. Subpoenas shall be issued under the signature of the Chairman of the Commission and shall be served by any person designated by him. For purposes of the exercise of the functions, powers, and duties conferred or imposed by this Act, the provisions of sections 9 and 10 (relating to the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence) of the Federal Trade Commission Act of September 16, 1914, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 15, secs. 49 and 50), are hereby made applicable so far as is consistent with the provisions of this Act.

38 Stat. 722, 723.

Employees, expenditures, etc.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674; Supp. V, § 661 et seq.
Ante, pp. 216, 219.

SEC. 6. (a) The Secretary of the Interior may appoint and fix the compensation, in accordance with the provisions of the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, of such experts, advisers, and other employees, and may make such expenditures, including expenditures for actual travel and subsistence expense of members, employees, and witnesses (not exceeding \$15 for subsistence expense for any one person for any one calendar day), for personal services at the seat of government and elsewhere, and for printing and binding, as are necessary for the efficient execution of the functions, powers, and duties of the Commission under this Act. The Commission is authorized to utilize voluntary and uncompensated services for the purposes of this Act. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Voluntary services.

Appropriation authorized.

Free transmission of mail.

(b) The Commission shall have the same privilege of free transmission of official mail matter as is granted by law to officers of the United States Government.

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[CHAPTER 944]

AN ACT

To authorize the use of certain lands of the United States for flowage in connection with providing additional storage space in the Pensacola Reservoir of the Grand River Dam project in Oklahoma, 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 following-described lands of the United States located in the State of Oklahoma and held for Indian school purposes, to wit: All those parts of the northeast quarter southeast quarter section 20, and the northeast quarter southwest quarter, southeast quarter southwest quarter, southwest quarter southeast quarter, and southeast quarter southeast quarter section 21, township 27 north, range 24 east, Indian meridian, Wyandotte Reserve, in Ottawa County, lying between elevations 750 and 760 feet above mean sea level, may be used perpetually by the United

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Oklahoma.
Use of U. S. lands for waters of Grand River Dam project.