

## [CHAPTER 193]

## AN ACT

To authorize commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to administer certain oaths, and for other purposes.

May 22, 1950  
[H. R. 6171]  
[Public Law 521]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any commissioned officer of any component (including the reserve component), of any of the armed forces of the United States, whether or not on active duty, is hereby authorized to administer the oath required for the enlistment of any person, the oath required for the appointment of any person to commissioned or warrant officer grade, and any other oath required by law in connection with the enlistment or appointment of any person in any of the aforesaid services.

Armed forces.  
Administering of oaths.

SEC. 2. Any officer of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, including the reserve components thereof, who shall have subscribed to the oath of office required by section 1757, Revised Statutes, shall not be required to renew such oath or to take a new oath upon his promotion to a higher grade if his service after taking such oath shall have been continuous.

Nonrenewal of oath, etc.

5 U. S. C. § 16.

SEC. 3. The Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 603), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

14 U. S. C. § 164; 34 U. S. C. §§ 350-350j, 423; Sup. III, § 350 et seq.

“SEC. 12. Personnel temporarily appointed pursuant to this Act shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of the grade to which so appointed from the dates on which such appointments are made by the President, and their appointments, unless expressly declined, shall be regarded for all purposes as having been accepted on the date made, without formal acceptance or oath of office.”

Temporary appointments.

Approved May 22, 1950.

## [CHAPTER 194]

## AN ACT

To make retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts over certain land in Shirley, Massachusetts.

May 23, 1950  
[H. R. 4433]  
[Public Law 522]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the United States hereby makes retrocession to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of jurisdiction over the following-described land:

Shirley, Mass.  
Retrocession of jurisdiction.

All of that piece or parcel of land which was ceded to the United States by chapter 456 of the Acts of 1921 of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and which lies within the location of a certain highway in said town of Shirley running from the Shirley depot of the Boston and Maine Railroad to that part of said Shirley known as Mitchelville, a plan whereof is recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as plan numbered 1600 of 1947, in book 7209, at page 69, or which lies within that part of Front Street Extended in said Shirley which runs from said highway to the entrance gate of that part of Fort Devens formerly known as Lovell General Hospital North, and which piece or parcel of land is bounded and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete bound shown as transit point station numbered 68 on a plan numbered 6101-208 and entitled “Construction Division, War Department, Washington, D. C., Camp Devens, Massachusetts Boundary Map”, dated May 27, 1920, and running south sixty-nine degrees thirty-one minutes thirty seconds west, three hundred and sixty-one and twenty-one one-hundredths feet to station numbered 69, thence running south twenty degrees ten minutes no seconds east,