

[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 appoint-
ments.

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 ju-
risdiction.

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,

sixteen and eighty-five one-hundredths feet to station numbered seventy, thence running south seventy-eight degrees fifty-eight minutes no seconds east, one hundred and eighty-six feet to station numbered 71, thence running south seven degrees forty-eight minutes thirty seconds west, fourteen and eighty-eight one-hundredths feet to station numbered 72, thence running north eighty-one degrees fifty-five minutes thirty seconds west, two hundred eighty-two and fifty-five one-hundredths feet to station numbered 73, thence running north forty-four degrees thirty-six minutes no seconds east, eighty-nine and six one-hundredths feet to station numbered 74, thence running north sixty-nine degrees forty-eight minutes thirty seconds east, three hundred and thirty-three and seventy-seven one-hundredths feet to station numbered 75, thence running north sixty-seven degrees twenty-three minutes thirty seconds east, one thousand four hundred and four and twenty-four one-hundredths feet to station numbered 76, thence running south five degrees fifty minutes no seconds west, thirty-seven and fifty-three one-hundredths feet to station numbered 77, thence running north sixty-seven degrees twenty-three minutes thirty seconds east, four hundred and sixty-two feet to station numbered 78, thence running south three degrees eleven minutes thirty seconds east, seventy-one and four one-hundredths feet more or less to the southerly side line of the location of said highway running from the Shirley depot to Mitchelville, as shown on said plan numbered 1600, thence running south sixty-seven degrees twenty-three minutes thirty seconds west, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three and thirty-eight one-hundredths feet more or less by said southerly side line of the location of said highway to a point on course 67-68 as shown on said plan numbered 6101-208, thence running north twenty-two degrees eleven minutes no seconds west, fifty-four and sixty-six one-hundredths feet more or less to station numbered 68 and the point of beginning, covered by a certain grant from the Secretary of War to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated August 12, 1941, authorized by the Act of Congress approved July 5, 1884 (23 Stat. 104).

10 U. S. C. § 1348; 43
U. S. C. §§ 1071-1074.
Effective date.

SEC. 2. This retrocession of jurisdiction shall take effect upon acceptance by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Approved May 23, 1950.

[CHAPTER 195]

AN ACT

May 23, 1950
[S. 2350]

[Public Law 523]

To amend the Act of August 8, 1946, relating to the payment of annual leave to certain officers and employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 938), is amended by the addition of section 2, reading as follows:

“SEC. 2. (a) If an officer or employee who under section 1 of this Act would have been entitled to receive a lump-sum payment as compensation for annual leave is deceased, the payment shall be made to his estate.

“(b) The compensation provided for in section 1 of this Act shall be for all accumulated or current accrued annual leave which would have been due the officer or employee under the leave regulations in effect on the date of the expiration of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 72) had he remained in the service immediately following the expiration of the Bituminous Coal Act until the expiration of such annual leave and which has not been granted him or for which he has not otherwise received credit or compensation.

“(c) Notwithstanding the period provided in section 1 of this Act for the filing of notices of election to receive lump-sum payments as

15 U. S. C. §§ 826-
852 notes.