

22 Stat. 403; 63 Stat. 950.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 633 (2) (3).

the Act of January 16, 1883, entitled "An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States", as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the words "legal voting residence" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "legal or voting residence".

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 239]

AN ACT

June 14, 1950
[H. R. 6632]
[Public Law 549]

To extend the authority of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to establish and continue offices in the Republic of the Philippines.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June 14, 1947, as amended (38 U. S. C. 693a note), is hereby amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 132.
38 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 693a note.

"That the authority in section 7 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924 (43 Stat. 609; 38 U. S. C. 430), and section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284; 38 U. S. C. 693a), to establish and continue regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices may continue to be exercised by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs with respect to territory of the Republic of the Philippines on and after the date of its independence if he deems such offices necessary, but in no event after June 30, 1954."

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 240]

AN ACT

June 14, 1950
[H. R. 7866]
[Public Law 547]

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, so as to provide an order of precedence for lump sum death payments, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.
46 Stat. 477.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 724 (e).

"(e) In any case in which—

"(1) an officer or employee to whom this Act applies shall die before having rendered five years of civilian service computed as prescribed in section 5, or after having rendered five years of civilian service but without a survivor or survivors entitled to annuity benefits provided by subsection (c); or

"(2) the right of all persons entitled to annuity under subsection (c) based on the service of such officer or employee shall terminate before a valid claim therefor shall have been established, the total amount credited to the individual account of such officer or employee with interest at 4 per centum per annum to December 31, 1947, and 3 per centum per annum thereafter, compounded on December 31 of each year, to the date of death of such officer or employee, shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, to the person or persons surviving at the date title to the payment arises, in the following order of precedence, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person:

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as the officer or employee may have designated by a writing received in the Civil Service Commission prior to death;

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the widow or widower of such officer or employee;

"Third, if none of the above, to the child or children of such officer or employee and descendants of deceased children by representation;

“Fourth, if none of the above, to the parents of such officer or employee or the survivor of them;

“Fifth, if none of the above, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of such officer or employee;

“Sixth, if none of the above, to other next of kin of such officer or employee as may be determined by the Civil Service Commission to be entitled under the laws of domicile of such officer or employee at the time of his death.

“Determination as to widow or child shall be made by the Civil Service Commission without regard to the definition of these terms stated in subsection (d) of this section.”

SEC. 2. All claims received in the Civil Service Commission after the effective date of this amendment shall be paid in accordance with the order of precedence stated herein.

SEC. 3. Section 12 (k) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(k) Each employee or former employee to whom this Act applies may, under regulations prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries for the purposes of this Act. Except where an application for benefits based on the death of the designator has been received in the Civil Service Commission not later than three months following the effective date of this amendment, all designations of beneficiary received in the Civil Service Commission more than one month before such effective date shall be null and void.”

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month following its date of approval.

Approved June 14, 1950.

Payment of claims.

62 Stat. 57.
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 724 (k).

Effective date.

[CHAPTER 248]

AN ACT

To amend section 3 of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1906, relating to the Osage Indians of Oklahoma.

June 15, 1950
[S. 1719]
[Public Law 548]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1906 (34 Stat. 539, 543), is amended by striking out “President of the United States” and substituting in lieu thereof “Osage Tribal Council, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior”.

Approved June 15, 1950.

[CHAPTER 249]

AN ACT

To amend section 4934 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 78), as amended, to permit public libraries of the United States to acquire back copies of United States letters patent, and for other purposes.

June 15, 1950
[S. 1739]
[Public Law 549]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4934 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 78), is amended by inserting after “Provided, That the Commissioner of Patents may supply public libraries of the United States with such copies as published, for \$50 per annum” a colon and the following: “Provided further, That the Commissioner of Patents may supply to any public library approved by the Commissioner, which on January 1, 1949, was receiving such copies under the preceding proviso, such copies for any year in which such library did not receive copies under the preceding proviso upon the payment of \$50 per year for any such year”.

Public libraries.
Supplying of certain
patent publications.

Approved June 15, 1950.