

General of the United States is given assurances satisfactory to him that the State of New York will cede to the United States appropriate jurisdiction over all lands at Manhattan Beach under the jurisdiction or control of the United States Maritime Commission or the Administrator of General Services.

Approved August 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 675]

AN ACT

August 10, 1950  
[H. R. 7260]  
[Public Law 685]

To provide for the holding of court and the furnishing of quarters at Rock Island for the United States district court for the southern district, northern division, of Illinois.

62 Stat. 878.  
28 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 93 (b) (1).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second sentence of section 93 (b) (1) of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows: "Court for the northern division shall be held at Peoria and Rock Island."

62 Stat. 898.  
26 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 142.

SEC. 2. That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 142, title 28, United States Code, quarters and accommodations for holding court for the United States district court for the southern district, northern division of Illinois, may be furnished in Rock Island, Illinois, in any proposed Federal building construction project.

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[CHAPTER 686]

AN ACT

August 11, 1950  
[H. R. 8909]  
[Public Law 686]

To authorize the District of Columbia government to establish an Office of Civil Defense, and for other purposes.

Office of Civil De-  
fense, D. C.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, because of the existing possibility of the occurrence of disaster of unprecedented destructiveness resulting from enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, it is the intent of Congress that plans and programs to provide necessary protection, relief, and assistance for persons and property in the District of Columbia in the event such disaster shall occur or become imminent so as to require such protection, relief, and assistance, should be developed. As used in this Act, the term "civil defense" shall mean all activities necessary for the development and execution of such plans and programs, unless the context indicates a different meaning.

Authority to estab-  
lish office.

SEC. 2. To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to establish in the municipal government of such District an Office of Civil Defense to consist of a Director and such other personnel as may be needed. Such Director shall be the executive head of such office.

Director.

Employment of re-  
tired personnel.

Notwithstanding the limitation of any law, there may be employed in such Office of Civil Defense any person who has been retired from any of the Armed Forces of the United States or any office or position in the Federal or District governments, and while so employed in such Office of Civil Defense any such retired person may receive the compensation authorized for such employment or the retired pay, retirement compensation, or annuity, whichever he may elect, and upon the termination of his employment in such Office of Civil Defense, he shall be restored to the same status as a retired officer or employee with the same retired pay, retirement compensation, or annuity to which he was entitled before having been employed in such Office of Civil Defense.

SEC. 3. The Office of Civil Defense is authorized and directed, subject to the direction and control of the Commissioners of the District—

Duties.

(a) to prepare a comprehensive plan and program for civil defense, such plan and program to be integrated into and coordinated with the civil defense plans of the Federal Government, and of nearby States and appropriate political subdivisions thereof;

(b) to institute training programs and public information programs; to organize, equip, and train volunteers and other civil defense units, and to utilize volunteers and regularly employed personnel of the government of the District of Columbia for service in and within such civil defense units and to train such personnel for such service; to expand existing agencies of the District government concerned with civil defense; and to take all other preparatory steps including the partial or full mobilization of civil defense organizations in advance of actual disaster;

(c) to make such studies and surveys of the resources and capabilities of the District for civil defense, and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof;

(d) to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements with States or political subdivisions thereof for reciprocal civil defense aid and mutual assistance in case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted. Such agreements may include the exchange of food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies; emergency housing; engineering services; police services; medical and nursing services; fire-fighting, rescue, transportation, and construction services and equipment; personnel necessary to provide or conduct these services; and such other supplies, equipment, facilities, personnel, and services as may be needed. Such agreements shall be consistent with the national civil defense plan and program. In time of emergency it shall be the duty of each agency and organization to render assistance in accordance with the provisions of such mutual aid agreements;

Agreements with States, etc.

(e) in accordance with the civil service laws and regulations to employ such technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel and fix their compensation in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949 and make such expenditures within appropriations therefor or from other funds made available for purposes of civil defense, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That no person shall be employed pursuant to this paragraph until the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall have made an investigation and a report to the Director concerning the loyalty of such person, and the Director, in accordance with such regulations as he shall issue, shall make a finding on the basis of the report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, whether the employee is suitable for employment;

Employment of personnel.

63 Stat. 954.  
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§§ 1071-1153.  
*Ante*, pp. 232, 262;  
post, p. 1100.  
FBI investigation.

(f) to cooperate with governmental and nongovernmental agencies, organizations, associations, and other entities, and coordinate the activities of all organizations for civil defense within the District;

(g) to accept from the United States or from any officer or agency thereof all facilities, supplies, and funds that may from time to time be offered to the District of Columbia, and to agree to such terms, conditions, rules, and regulations as may be imposed in connection with such offer;

Acceptance of facilities, funds, etc.

(h) to utilize the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the District to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments, offices, and agencies are directed to cooperate

with and extend such services and supply such equipment, supplies, and facilities to the said Director upon request;

(i) to perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Nonliability.

SEC. 4. Neither the District of Columbia nor any volunteer agency in the service of said District nor, except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence, any officer, agent, or employee of the District of Columbia or volunteer agency, or any regularly appointed volunteer worker, engaged in civil defense activities, while complying with or attempting to comply with any provision of this Act or of any rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant to this Act, shall be liable to any person, whether or not such person is engaged in civil defense, for death, injury, or property damage resulting therefrom. The provisions of this section shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled under any workmen's compensation law, or under any pension, retirement, or disability law, nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any other Act of Congress.

SEC. 5. Appropriations for carrying out the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized.

SEC. 6. The Office of Civil Defense, through the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, shall submit to the Senate and House of Representatives on the first day of each regular session of the Congress a report of its activities and expenditures under this Act.

Approved August 11, 1950.

[CHAPTER 704]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to invite the States of the Union and foreign countries to participate in the First United States International Trade Fair, to be held at Chicago, Illinois, August 7 through 20, 1950.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States is authorized to invite by proclamation or otherwise, or in such manner as he may deem proper, the States of the Union and foreign nations to participate in the First United States International Trade Fair, to be held at Chicago, Illinois, from August 7 to 20, 1950, inclusive, for the purpose of exhibiting industrial products; machinery, equipment, supplies, and engineering; and the exhibiting of the newest developments in metals, plastics, chemicals, oils, textiles, and other manufactured products; and bringing together buyers and sellers for promotion of foreign and domestic trade and commerce in such products.

Approved August 12, 1950.

[CHAPTER 705]

AN ACT

To authorize advancements to and the reimbursement of certain agencies of the Treasury Department for services performed for other Government agencies, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) when any service authorized by law and directed by the Secretary of the Treasury is performed or to be performed by the Division of Disbursement or the Office of the Treasurer of the United States of the Department of the Treasury for any other Government agency, and no funds have been appropriated to such Division or Office for the performance of

Appropriations authorized.  
Post, pp. 1044, 1236.  
Report to Congress.

August 12, 1950  
[H. J. Res. 453]  
[Public Law 687]

First U. S. International Trade Fair.  
Invitation to participate.

August 14, 1950  
[S. 2018]  
[Public Law 688]

Treasury Department.  
Advances, etc., for services to other agencies.