

Rules, etc., to be made.

Proviso.
Government operated routes not interfered with.

SEC. 5. That the Postmaster General may make such rules, regulations, and orders as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with the postage charged or to be charged on Government operated air-mail routes.

Approved, February 2, 1925.

February 3, 1925.

[S. 1199.]

[Public, No. 360.]

CHAP. 133.—An Act Authorizing the appointment of William Schuyler Woodruff as an Infantry officer, United States Army.

Army.
William Schuyler Woodruff may be appointed an officer of Infantry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint William Schuyler Woodruff, formerly a captain of Infantry, United States Army, an officer of Infantry, United States Army.

Approved, February 3, 1925.

February 4, 1925.

[S. 2842.]

[Public, No. 361.]

CHAP. 140.—An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Compulsory school attendance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

ARTICLE I.—COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Resident children of 7 to 16 to have instruction during school year.

SECTION 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person residing permanently or temporarily in the District of Columbia who has custody or control of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall cause said child to be regularly instructed in a public school or in a private or parochial school or instructed privately during the period of each year in which the public schools of the District of Columbia are in session: *Provided*, That instruction given in such private or parochial school, or privately, is deemed equivalent by the Board of Education to the instruction given in the public schools.

Proviso.
Private instruction accepted.

SEC. 2. Any child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years who has completed satisfactorily the eighth-grade course of study prescribed for the public elementary schools of the District of Columbia, or a course of study deemed by the Board of Education equivalent thereto, may be excused by the superintendent of schools from further attendance at school under the provisions of this Act, provided he is actually, lawfully, and regularly employed.

Excused for employment after completing 8th grade, etc.

Certificate if mentally or physically unfit.

SEC. 3. The Board of Education of the District of Columbia may issue a certificate excusing from attendance at school a child who, upon examination ordered by such board, is found to be unable mentally or physically to profit from attendance at school: *Provided*, however, That if such examination shows that such child may benefit from specialized instruction adapted to his needs, he shall attend upon such instruction.

Proviso.
Special instruction to be provided.

Absence without valid excuse unlawful.

SEC. 4. The Board of Education shall define in its rules and regulations valid excuses for absence from school, and the absence of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years for any reason other than so defined as valid shall be unlawful.

Daily record of attendance to be kept by teachers.

SEC. 5. An accurate daily record of the attendance of all children between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall be kept by the teachers of every public, private, or parochial school and by every teacher giving instruction privately. Such record shall at all times

Inspection, etc.

be open to the school-attendance officers or other persons authorized to enforce this Act, who may inspect and copy the same.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of every principal or head teacher of every public, private, or parochial school, or private teacher to report to the department of school attendance and work permits the name and address of any child between the ages of seven and sixteen years enrolled in his school whenever such child has been absent from school two day sessions or four one-half day sessions or more in any school month, together with the reason for such absence as far as known.

Designated absence in a month to be reported.

SEC. 7. The parent, guardian, or other person residing permanently or temporarily in the District of Columbia and having charge or control of any child between the ages of seven and sixteen years who is unlawfully absent from public or private school or private instruction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of failure to keep such child regularly in public or private school or to cause it to be regularly instructed in private, shall be punished by a fine of \$10 or by commitment to jail for five days, or by both, at the discretion of the court: *Provided*, That each two days such child remains away from school unlawfully shall constitute a separate offense: *Provided further*, That upon conviction of the first offense, sentence may, upon payment of costs, be suspended and the defendant placed on probation.

Failure of parent, etc., to keep child at school, etc., a misdemeanor.

Punishment for.

Provisos. Each two days' absence a separate offense. First offenses.

ARTICLE II.—SCHOOL CENSUS.

School census.

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the director of school attendance and work permits, under instruction of the superintendent of schools, approved by the Board of Education, to cause to be made a complete census of all children between the ages of three and eighteen years permanently or temporarily residing in the District of Columbia, and annually thereafter or as frequently as may be found necessary or desirable. Such census shall be amended from day to day as changes of residence occur among children within the ages prescribed in this Act, and as other persons come within the ages prescribed, and as other persons within such ages shall become residents of the District. The record of such enumeration of children shall give the full name, address, race, sex, and date and place of birth of every such child, the school attended by him, and if the child is not at school the name and address of his employer, if any, and the name, address, and occupation of the parents or guardian.

Annual census of all resident children between 3 and 18, to be made.

Daily record of changes, etc.

Details of enumeration record.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the principal or head teacher of every public, private, or parochial school or private teacher, in accordance with the rules adopted by the Board of Education, to report to the director of the department of school attendance and work permits the name, address, sex, age, and race of every child under eighteen years of age residing permanently or temporarily in the District of Columbia who enrolls in or withdraws from his school.

Teachers to report all enrollments and withdrawals.

SEC. 3. Any parent, guardian, custodian, principal, or teacher of a child between the ages of three and eighteen who willfully neglects or refuses to provide the information required by this Act, or who knowingly makes any false or untrue statement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of \$10 or by commitment to jail for five days, or by both, at the discretion of the court.

Refusal to give required information, etc., a misdemeanor.

Punishment for.

ARTICLE III.—ADMINISTRATION.

Administration.

SECTION 1. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to consolidate the administrative duties incident to the enforcement of the provisions of this Act and of the Act to regulate child labor under

Department of school attendance and work permits created under Board of Education.

a single division to be known as the department of school attendance and work permits.

Director of departments, etc., to be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 2. The Board of Education is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to appoint a director of said department whose rank shall correspond to that of other directors who serve as officers of the Board of Education, and who shall be paid the same salary as said directors, and who shall be known as the director of the department of school attendance and work permits, and also to appoint such a number of attendance officers, inspectors, clerks, and other assistants as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Competitive examinations for appointments.

Such appointments, other than that of the director of said department and clerks, shall be made from a list of applicants obtained from open competitive examinations conducted by the respective boards of examiners of the Board of Education, and designed to test the fitness of the applicants for the duties to be performed.

Juvenile court given jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. That the juvenile court of the District of Columbia is hereby given jurisdiction in all cases arising from this Act.

Former Act, etc., repealed. Vol. 34, p. 219, repealed.

SEC. 4. The Act of Congress approved June 8, 1906, entitled "An Act providing for compulsory education in the District of Columbia," and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Effective from enactment.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

Approved, February 4, 1925.

February 6, 1925. [H. R. 7399.] [Public, No. 362.]

CHAP. 142.—An Act To amend section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," approved June 9, 1906.

Sons of the American Revolution. Vol. 34, p. 228, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution," approved June 9, 1906, is amended to read as follows:

Trustees. Limitation of number removed.

"SEC. 4. That the property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed by not less than forty trustees, who shall be elected annually at such time as shall be fixed by the by-laws, and at least one trustee shall be elected annually from a list of nominees to be made by each of the State societies and submitted in this society at least thirty days before the annual meeting, in accordance with the general provisions regulating such nominations as may be adopted by this society."

Approved, February 6, 1925.

February 6, 1925. [H. R. 9138.] [Public, No. 363.]

CHAP. 143.—An Act To authorize the discontinuance of the seven-year regauge of distilled spirits in bonded warehouses, and for other purposes.

Internal revenue. Distilled spirits. Additional leakage allowance on withdrawals of. Vol. 40, p. 1105.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon withdrawal of distilled spirits from any internal-revenue bonded warehouse, in lieu of the allowance provided in subdivision (b) of section 600 of the Revenue Act of 1918, an allowance for loss by leakage or evaporation not exceeding one proof gallon as to casks or packages of a capacity of not less than forty wine gallons and one-half proof gallon as to casks or packages of a capacity of less than forty wine gallons and not less than twenty wine gallons, for each period of six months, or fraction thereof, after the expiration of seven years from the date of original entry or gauge, may be made in