

Election of beneficiary to receive installment payments.

whereby such insurance may be made payable either in one sum or in installments for thirty-six months or more. The bureau may also include in said contract a provision authorizing the beneficiary to elect to receive payment of the insurance in installments for thirty-six months or more, but only if the insured has not exercised the right of election as hereinbefore provided; and even though the insured may have exercised his right of election the said contract may authorize the beneficiary to elect to receive such insurance in installments spread over a greater period of time than that selected by the insured. This section shall be deemed to be in effect as of June 7, 1924."

Approved, June 2, 1926.

June 3, 1926.  
[H. R. 3837.]  
[Public, No. 326.]

**CHAP. 455.**—An Act Authorizing the Postmaster General to rent quarters for postal purposes without formal contract in certain cases.

Postal service.  
R. S., sec. 3709, p.  
733, amended.  
Vol. 28, p. 34.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act entitled "An Act to amend section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, relating to contracts for supplies in the departments at Washington," approved January 27, 1894 (Twenty-eighth Statutes, pages 33, 34), and as amended further by section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and for other purposes," approved June 17, 1910 (Thirty-sixth Statutes, page 531), is further amended by adding the following provision:

Vol. 36, p. 531.

Proviso.  
Quarters may be  
rented without written  
contract, if not over  
\$1,000.

"*Provided,* That hereafter the Postmaster General in his discretion may rent quarters for postal purposes without entering into a formal written contract in any case where the amount of the rental does not exceed \$1,000 per annum."

Approved, June 3, 1926.

June 3, 1926.  
[H. R. 3842.]  
[Public, No. 327.]

**CHAP. 456.**—An Act Authorizing the Postmaster General to make monthly payment of rental for terminal railway post-office premises under lease.

Postal service.  
Terminal railway  
post offices.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proviso attached to the appropriation available for rental of space for terminal railway post offices in the Post Office Appropriation Act, approved April 24, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, page 580), is amended by striking out the word "quarterly" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "monthly," so that said proviso will read as follows:

Vol. 41, p. 580, amend-  
ed.

Proviso.  
Leases for twenty  
years, payable monthly,  
allowed.

"*Provided,* That hereafter the Postmaster General may, in the disbursement of the appropriation for such purposes, apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing premises for the use of terminal railway post offices at a reasonable annual rental, to be paid monthly, for a term not exceeding twenty years."

Approved, June 3, 1926.

June 3, 1926.  
[H. R. 7889.]  
[Public, No. 328.]

**CHAP. 457.**—An Act To regulate subsistence expenses of civilian officers and employees while absent from their designated posts of duty on official business.

Subsistence Expense  
Act of 1926.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Subsistence Expense Act of 1926."

SEC. 2. When used in this Act—

The term "departments and establishments" means any executive department, independent commission, board, bureau, office, agency, or other establishment of the Government, including the municipal government of the District of Columbia.

The term "subsistence" means lodging, meals, and other necessary expenses incidental to the personal sustenance or comfort of the traveler.

The term "actual expenses" means the actual amounts necessarily expended by the traveler for subsistence and itemized in accounts for reimbursement.

The term "per diem allowance" means a daily flat rate of payment in lieu of actual expenses.

SEC. 3. Civilian officers and employees of the departments and establishments while traveling on official business and away from their designated posts of duty shall be allowed their actual necessary expenses in an amount not to exceed \$7 each for any one calendar day.

SEC. 4. The heads of departments and establishments, in lieu of the actual expenses authorized by section 3, may prescribe a per diem allowance not to exceed \$6 for any one calendar day or portions thereof for absences of less than twenty-four hours.

SEC. 5. Civilian officers and employees of the departments and establishments while traveling on official business beyond the limits of the continental United States shall be allowed their actual expenses in an amount to be prescribed by the heads of departments and establishments not to exceed an average of \$8 per day during the travel, exclusive of absence on leave.

Actual expenses and per diem allowance under this section for any travel performed within the limits of continental United States shall be in accordance with the rates prescribed in sections 3 and 4 of this Act.

SEC. 6. The heads of departments and establishments may prescribe a per diem allowance of not to exceed \$7, in lieu of the actual expenses authorized by section 5.

SEC. 7. The allowance and payment of actual expenses and the fixing and payment of per diem allowance, or portions thereof, shall be in accordance with regulations which shall be promulgated by the heads of departments and establishments and which shall be standardized as far as practicable and shall not be effective until approved by the President of the United States.

SEC. 8. The heads of departments and establishments, under regulations which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury for the protection of the United States, may advance through the proper disbursing officers from applicable appropriations to any person entitled to actual expenses or per diem allowance under this Act such sums as may be deemed advisable considering the character and probable duration of the travel to be performed. Any sums so advanced shall be recovered from the person to whom advanced, or his estate, by deduction from any amount due from the United States or by such other legal method of recovery as may be necessary.

SEC. 9. All laws or parts of laws which are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act except such laws or parts of law as specially fix or now permit rates higher than the maximum rates established in this Act are hereby repealed or modified only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SEC. 10. This Act shall not be construed to modify or repeal the Act providing for the traveling expenses of the President of the United States or any Acts (including appropriations for the fiscal

Meaning of terms.  
"Departments and establishments."

"Subsistence."

"Actual expenses."

"Per diem allowance."

Actual expenses allowed civilians traveling on official business away from posts.

Per diem allowance instead of actual expenses.

Actual expense allowance to civilians traveling outside United States.

Rates for travel within continental United States.

Per diem instead of actual expenses.

Regulations to be promulgated.

Advances permitted to persons entitled.

Recovery.

Repeal or modification of inconsistent laws.

Traveling expenses of the President, and specific mileage and subsistence rates, not affected.

year 1927) specifically fixing or permitting mileage rates for travel and/or subsistence expenses.

Per diem to railway postal clerks, not affected.

SEC. 11. This Act shall not be construed to modify or repeal the per diem travel allowances granted railway postal clerks, acting railway postal clerks, and substitute railway postal clerks in section 7, Title I, of the Act approved February 28, 1925 (Forty-third Statutes, page 1062).

Inconsistent provisions of appropriations for fiscal year 1927, modified.

SEC. 12. Appropriations for the fiscal year 1927 which contain specific rates of actual expenses or per diem allowance inconsistent with the rates permitted by this Act are hereby modified to the extent required to permit the application of the provisions of this Act to such appropriations.

Effective July 1, 1926. Increases not to incur deficiency.

SEC. 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1926, but any increases deemed necessary to be made in the rates of actual expenses or per diem allowance under the authority of this Act shall not be authorized by heads of departments and establishments to the extent of incurring a deficiency in appropriations available for the payment thereof during the fiscal year 1927.

Approved, June 3, 1926.

June 3, 1926.

[H. R. 8186.]

[Public, No. 329]

CHAP. 458.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to purchase certain lands in California to be added to the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation and authorizing an appropriation of funds therefor.

Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation, Calif.  
Lands to be bought for addition to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase a certain irregular tract of land containing approximately five hundred and seventy-three acres in townships 11 and 12 south, range 3 east of San Bernardino meridian in California, situated adjacent to the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation, the legal description and area of the tract to be accurately determined; said land when purchased to be added to and become a part of the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation: *Provided,* That the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to cover the purchase price of the land and to defray the expenses necessarily incurred in connection therewith.

Proviso.  
Amount authorized.  
Post, p. 856.

Approved, June 3, 1926.

June 3, 1926.

[H. R. 9558.]

[Public, No. 330.]

CHAP. 459.—An Act To provide for allotting in severalty lands within the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana, and for other purposes.

Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Mont.

Declared to be the property of the Indians thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation heretofore set apart by Executive order dated the 19th day of March, 1900, for the permanent use and occupation of the Northern Cheyenne Indians, in Montana, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be the property of said Indians, subject to such control and management of said property as the Congress of the United States may direct.

Complete roll of living Indians to be prepared.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be prepared a complete roll containing the names of all said Northern Cheyenne Indians now living, for whom said reservation was set apart as aforesaid, which roll, when approved by him, shall be the basis for allotting the land on said reservation, as herein provided. The Secretary of the Interior shall also cause to be prepared, in such manner as he may deem advisable, a list

Classification of lands.