

1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, and is specifically authorized by other law.

SEC. 3. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Independent Offices Act, 1929."

Total appropriated by this Act, \$527,593,111.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries.

If only one position in a grade.

Allowance in unusually meritorious cases.

Proviso.
Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.
No fixed salary reduction.

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Transfer to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

Title of Act.

CHAP. 581.—An Act Authorizing the paving of the Federal strip known as International Street, adjacent to Nogales, Arizona.

May 16, 1928.
[S. 2004.]

[Public, No. 401.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the grading and paving of the Federal strip of land known as International Street, belonging to the United States, along the international boundary line between Mexico and the United States and adjacent to the city of Nogales, Arizona, said paving to extend from the east side of Nelson Avenue to the top of the hill beyond West Street, with the necessary retaining walls, storm sewers, the installation of an ornamental lighting system, and other items necessary in connection therewith, at a limit of cost of \$40,000.

International Street, Ariz.

Paving, etc., of Federal strip of land between Mexico and United States at Nogales authorized.
Post, pp. 925, 1408, 1663.

Limit of cost.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

CHAP. 582.—An Act To authorize an appropriation to pay half the cost of a bridge and road on the Hoopa Valley Reservation, California.

May 16, 1928.
[H. R. 441.]

[Public, No. 402.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an appropriation of not more than \$35,000 is hereby authorized out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay not more than half the cost of the construction of a free bridge and approaches thereto across the Trinity River within the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, California, and of a road leading over said bridge from the Weitchpec Road on the north to the public highway at the south line of said reservation, including the cost of surveys, plans, estimates, and specifications, and other necessary expenses connected therewith, on condition that the State of California or the County of Humboldt furnish the balance; and under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, who

Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Calif.

Half of cost of constructing bridge and road on, authorized.
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California, etc., to furnish the balance.

Proviso.
Maintenance, etc.,
of, by State or county
required.

shall also approve the plans and specifications therefor: *Provided*, That before any money is spent hereunder, said State or county shall agree, in writing, to maintain the bridge and road without expense to the United States or the Indians.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

May 16, 1928.
[H. R. 4583.]
[Public, No. 403.]

CHAP. 583.—An Act Authorizing an appropriation for the repair and resurfacing of roads on the Fort Baker Military Reservation, California.

Fort Baker Military
Reservation, Calif.
Sum authorized for
repair of roads, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$35,000 for the repair and resurfacing of the roads on the Fort Baker Military Reservation, California.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

May 16, 1928.
[H. R. 12899.]
[Public, No. 404.]

CHAP. 584.—An Act Authorizing the erection for the sole use of the Pan American Union of an office building on the square of land lying between Eighteenth Street, C Street, and Virginia Avenue northwest, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

Pan American Union.
Building for use of,
authorized on Govern-
ment land in Washing-
ton, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized and permitted to be erected an office building for the sole use of the Pan American Union on the triangular piece of ground owned by the United States, bounded on the north by C Street northwest, on the east by Eighteenth Street northwest, and on the south by Virginia Avenue northwest, the plans for the said building to be subject to the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts.

Removal of tempo-
rary buildings.

SEC. 2. The Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital is hereby authorized and directed to remove at the proper time the temporary Government buildings now on the site described in section 1.

Exempt from taxa-
tion.

SEC. 3. The building which may be erected under the authority of this Act shall be exempt from all taxation so long as it is occupied and used for the purposes herein authorized.

Approved, May 16, 1928.

May 16, 1928.
[H. R. 10799.]
[Public, No. 405.]
Philippi, W. Va.

CHAP. 585.—An Act For the lease of land and the erection of a post office at Philippi, West Virginia, and for other purposes.

Philippi Improve-
ment Company author-
ized to erect a building
for post office at.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to (1) authorize the Philippi Improvement Company to erect upon the lot of land at the corner of Main and Masons Streets in the City of Philippi, West Virginia, a building to be used as a post office of a design, plan and specification approved by the Postmaster General and by the Secretary of the Treasury, and (2) require of the Philippi Improvement Company the execution of such bonds to the United States as are required of contractors for the erection of public buildings.

Bonds required.

Lease of building to
Postmaster General for
10 years, authorized.

SEC. 2. That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to lease such building from the Philippi Improvement Company for a term of ten years after its occupancy at an annual rental of one-