

required by section 1 of this Act is not true in fact, which said notice of opposition shall be verified before an officer authorized by the laws of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia to administer oaths. In all cases where notice of opposition is filed the Commissioner of Patents shall notify the applicant for extension thereof and set a day of hearing. If after such hearing the Commissioner of Patents is of the opinion that such extension should not be granted, he may deny the application therefor, stating in writing his reasons for such denial. Where an extension is refused the applicant therefor shall have the same remedy by appeal from the decision of the commissioner as is now provided by law where an application for patent is refused. If no opposition to the grant of the extension is filed, or if, after opposition is filed, it shall be decided that the applicant is entitled to the extension asked for, the Commissioner of Patents shall issue a certificate that the term of said patent is extended for the additional period for which application has been made as aforesaid, and shall cause notice of such extension to be published in the Official Gazette and marked upon copies of the patent for sale by the Patent Office, in such manner as the commissioner may determine.

Hearings.

Denial of extension.

Appeal.

Certificate to issue if extension granted.

Publication, etc., of notice.

Effect of extension.

Provisions. Infringement proceedings after expiration of original patent.

Rights of United States not affected.

SEC. 4. Thereupon said patent shall have the same force and effect in law as though it had been originally granted for seventeen years plus the term of such extension: *Provided, however,* That in any action, at law or in equity, for infringement after the expiration of seventeen years from the grant of the patent and during the period of such extension, the defendant may plead the general issue, and having given notice in writing to the plaintiff or his attorney thirty days before, may prove on trial that any of the statements of the application for extension required by section 1 of this Act is not true in fact; and if any one or more of such statements shall be found untrue in fact, judgment shall be rendered for the defendant, with costs: *Provided further,* That no person whose patent shall be extended under the provisions of this Act shall be permitted to make any claim for damages against the United States for the period of the extension, and the rights of the United States shall remain in all respects as if these patents had not been extended.

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CHAP. 993.—An Act To provide for the reinstatement of Larry Cardwell in the United States Naval Academy.

Larry Cardwell. Reinstatement of, in the Naval Academy, directed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to reinstate Larry Cardwell in the United States Naval Academy, of which he was a midshipman at the time of his discharge on November 19, 1926; the said Larry Cardwell to become a member of the class of 1930 on the date of reinstatement, and to be accorded all rights, privileges, and benefits to which he would have been entitled had he not been so discharged.

Approved, June 8, 1928.