

Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect in any manner the status, rank, precedence, pay, allowances, or eligibility for promotion or retirement, or otherwise to operate in any case or on any account to the prejudice, of any of the professors at the United States Military Academy.

Approved, December 14, 1942.

[CHAPTER 730]

AN ACT

December 14, 1942
[S. 2619]
[Public Law 800]

To amend Article of War 114 so as to broaden the power to administer oaths and take acknowledgments.

Army of the U. S.
Officers authorized
to administer oaths.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Article of War 114 (Act of June 4, 1920, 41 Stat. 810; 10 U. S. C. 1586) be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"ART. 114. AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATHS.—Any officer of any component of the Army of the United States on active duty in Federal service commissioned in or assigned or detailed to duty with the Judge Advocate General's Department, any staff judge advocate or acting staff judge advocate, the President of a general or special court-martial, any summary court-martial, the trial judge advocate or any assistant trial judge advocate of a general or special court-martial, the president or the recorder of a court of inquiry or of a military board, any officer designated to take a deposition, any officer detailed to conduct an investigation, and the adjutant, assistant adjutant or personnel adjutant of any command shall have power to administer oaths for the purposes of the administration of military justice and for other purposes of military administration; and shall also have the general powers of a notary public in the administration of oaths, the execution and acknowledgment of legal instruments, the attestation of documents and all other forms of notarial acts to be executed by persons subject to military law: *Provided*, That no fee of any character shall be paid to any officer mentioned in this Act for the performance of any notarial act herein authorized."

Approved, December 14, 1942.

Powers of notary
public.

Proviso.
Fees prohibited.

[CHAPTER 731]

AN ACT

December 14, 1942
[S. 2867]
[Public Law 801]

To provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge for the fifth circuit.

United States
courts.
Appointment of ad-
ditional circuit judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional circuit judge for the fifth circuit.

Approved, December 14, 1942.

[CHAPTER 732]

AN ACT

December 14, 1942
[S. 2891]
[Public Law 802]

To amend paragraph 8, section 127a, of the National Defense Act so as to authorize certain service to be counted in determining precedence among officers when dates of rank are the same.

Army of the U. S.
Determination of
precedence among
officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the eighth paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by section 5 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1078; 10 U. S. C. 511), is hereby amended by changing the