

authority, or administration in the executive branch of the Government; but such terms shall not include the General Accounting Office nor the governments of the District of Columbia and of the Territories and possessions of the United States, and the various subdivisions of such governments.

“Person.”

(b) The term “person” means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business trust, or legal representative, any organized group of persons, any State or Territorial government or branch thereof, or any political subdivision of any State or Territory or any branch of any such political subdivision.

“Information.”

(c) The term “information” means facts obtained or solicited by the use of written report forms, application forms, schedules, questionnaires, or other similar methods calling either (1) for answers to identical questions from ten or more persons other than agencies, instrumentalities, or employees of the United States or (2) for answers to questions from agencies, instrumentalities, or employees of the United States which are to be used for statistical compilations of general public interest.

Failure to furnish information.

SEC. 8. Any person failing to furnish information required by any such agency shall be subject to such penalties as are specifically prescribed by law, and no other penalty shall be imposed either by way of fine or imprisonment or by the withdrawal or denial of any right, privilege, priority, allotment, or immunity, except when the right, privilege, priority, allotment, or immunity, is legally conditioned on facts which would be revealed by the information requested.

Appropriations authorized.

SEC. 9. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 812]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[S. 2239]
[Public Law 832]

To encourage the discovery of oil and gas on the public domain during the continuance of the present war.

Discovery of oil or gas on public domain.
Emergency royalty rate.
55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp. I, app., prec. § 1 note.

41 Stat. 437.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, during the period of the national emergency proclaimed by the President May 27, 1941 (Proclamation Numbered 2487), upon a determination by the Secretary of the Interior that a new oil or gas field or deposit has been discovered by virtue of a well or wells drilled within the boundaries of any lease issued pursuant to the provisions of the Act, approved February 25, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., title 30, secs. 181-263), the royalty obligation of the lessee who drills such well or wells to the United States as to such new deposit shall be limited for a period of ten years following the date of such discovery to a flat rate of 12½ per centum in amount or value of all oil or gas produced from the lease.

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[CHAPTER 813]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[S. 2385]
[Public Law 833]

To provide for the probate and distribution of restricted estates not exceeding \$2,500 in value of deceased Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma.

Five Civilized Tribes, Okla.
Probate and distribution of restricted estates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That exclusive jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Secretary of the Interior to determine the heirs after notice and hearing under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and to probate the estate of any