

President of the United States, or as Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress of the United States, unless such pamphlet, circular, card, dodger, poster, advertisement, or statement contains the name or names of the person or persons, association, committee, or corporation responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, and if an association, committee, or corporation is responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, there shall be attached the names of the officers of such association, committee, or corporation.

SEC. 2. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of section 1 of this Act, or aids and abets in a violation thereof, shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

SEC. 3. When used in this Act, the term "election" shall include a general or special election, and shall also include a primary election or convention of a political party. The term "candidate" means any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek election to any of the offices named in section 1 of this Act or who has caused or permitted his intention to do so to be publicly declared.

Penalty.

"Election."

"Candidate."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 707]

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court of Maine.

December 23, 1944  
[H. R. 3250]  
[Public Law 545]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine to hear, determine, and render judgment, as though the United States were suable in tort, upon the claim of the State of Maine, for compensation for damages sustained by its bridge across the Kennebec River at Bath, Maine, known as the Carlton Bridge, resulting from said bridge being struck by the lighthouse tender Ilex, owned and operated by the United States, which collision occurred on the 17th day of August 1939: *Provided*, That suit hereunder shall be instituted within eighteen months following the approval of the Act: *Provided further*, That the jurisdiction herein conferred shall not be exercised unless the State of Maine shall consent to suit in the same cause on any counterclaim asserted by the United States arising out of the same transaction, as though the State of Maine were a private party.

State of Maine.  
Claim for bridge  
damages.

Institution of suit.

Counterclaim.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 708]

AN ACT

To amend section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work", approved February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148).

December 23, 1944  
[H. R. 3429]  
[Public Law 546]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148), authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work, is hereby amended by changing the period to a colon and adding the following: "*Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, retired personnel of the Department of the Interior may be employed by the Secretary of the

Department of the  
Interior.  
43 U. S. C. § 411b.

Employment of re-  
tired personnel as  
consultants.