

or employee, civil or military, or any vehicle or conveyance of the United States for the use of such bridge in the performance of official duties.”

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 600]

AN ACT

To clarify the law relating to the filling of the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, and to provide for the appointment of an additional United States district judge for the eastern, middle, and western districts of Pennsylvania.

July 24, 1946
[S. 141]
[Public Law 528]

U. S. Courts.

28 U. S. C. § 1 note;
Supp. V, § 1 note.

Pennsylvania.
Additional judge for
designated districts.

Time limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso contained in section 2 (a) of the Act approved May 24, 1940, entitled “An Act to provide for the appointment of additional district and circuit judges” (54 Stat. 219), as amended, is amended to read as follows: “*Provided*, That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge in each of said districts, except the district of New Jersey and the eastern district of Pennsylvania, shall not be filled.”

SEC. 2. The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional United States district judge, who shall be an additional district judge for the eastern, middle, and western districts of Pennsylvania. The judge so appointed shall at the time of his appointment be a resident and a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania: *Provided*, That when a vacancy occurs in said office it shall not be filled: *Provided further*, That unless the President shall submit a nomination to the Senate to fill the office hereby created within ninety days after the effective date of this Act, then in that event this Act shall be of no force and effect.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 601]

AN ACT

To amend Veterans Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended, so as to increase the limit of amounts payable thereunder in connection with the funeral and burial of deceased veterans.

July 24, 1946
[S. 706]
[Public Law 529]

54 Stat. 963, 1193,
33 U. S. C. note foll.
§ 724.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Veterans Regulation Numbered 9 (a), as amended, is amended by striking out the amount “\$100” wherever such amount appears in paragraphs II and III thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the amount “\$150”.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 602]

AN ACT

Authorizing the appointment of an additional judge for the district of Delaware.

July 24, 1946
[S. 1801]
[Public Law 530]

Delaware.
Additional U. S.
district judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint an additional judge of the district court of the United States for the judicial district of the State of Delaware, who, except where because of seniority other provision is made,

shall possess the same powers, perform the same duties, and receive the same compensation and allowance as the present judge of said district: *Provided*, That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge in said district shall not be filled: *Provided further*, That unless the President shall submit a nomination to the Senate or make a recess appointment to fill the office hereby created within ninety days after the effective date of this Act, then in that event this Act shall be of no force and effect.

Approved July 24, 1946.

Time limitation.

[CHAPTER 603]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer a vessel to the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated.

July 24, 1946
[S. 2291]
[Public Law 531]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated, a nonprofit scientific corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, for use in a projected scientific expedition to the Antarctic one naval vessel and related and necessary equipment on such terms and subject to such conditions as are deemed appropriate by the Secretary: *Provided, however*, That such transfer shall be for purposes of carrying out the projected Antarctic expedition only, and that prior to the transfer the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated, deposits with the Secretary a bond with good and sufficient sureties to guarantee payment to the United States Government of such charge as is determined by the Secretary as is reasonable for the use of the vessel and to reimburse the United States in the event of the loss of the vessel or its return to the Navy in a damaged condition.

American Antarctic Association, Inc.
Transfer of naval vessel.

Deposit of bond, etc.

SEC. 2. The vessel transferred to the American Antarctic Association, Incorporated, under this Act shall be returned to the Navy if the projected scientific expedition has not departed from the continental United States within six months after the date of the transfer of the vessel and, subject to unforeseen circumstances, shall be returned to the Navy at a port within the continental United States no later than July 1, 1948.

Return of vessel.

Approved July 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 604]

AN ACT

To authorize revisions in the boundary of the Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

July 24, 1946
[H. R. 3533]
[Public Law 532]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to withdraw from the Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pennsylvania, all or any part of the lands added to the Hopewell Village National Historic Site by the Act approved June 6, 1942, entitled "An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects, and for other purposes", which in his opinion are not required for historic-site purposes. Any lands so withdrawn shall revert to the status of a recreational demonstration area.

Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pa.
Withdrawal of lands.

56 Stat. 326.
16 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 459r-459t.

Approved July 24, 1946.