

expenditures necessary to secure the safe title in the United States to the areas which may be acquired under this Act, including purchase of options when deemed necessary, and expenses incident to the location, examination, and survey of such areas and the acquisition of title thereto, but no payments shall be made for any such areas until the title thereto shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General. The acquisition of such areas by the United States shall in no case be defeated because of rights-of-way, easements, exceptions, and reservations which from their nature will, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, in no manner interfere with the use of the areas so encumbered for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. Sections 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929 (45 Stat. 1222; 16 U. S. C. 715), as amended, are hereby made applicable for the purposes of this Act in the same manner and to the same extent as though they were enacted as part of this Act, except that lands acquired hereunder may be administered primarily as wildlife management areas not subject to the prohibition against the taking of birds or nests or the eggs thereof, as contained in section 10 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and hunting thereon may be regulated, at the option of the Fish and Game Commission of the State of California, in such cooperative manner as is deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act subject, however, to the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918 (49 Stat. 1555; 16 U. S. C. 703-711), as amended.

SEC. 4. Funds made available under this or any other Act for the administration, maintenance, and development of any areas acquired under this Act, shall be available also for the construction of dams, dikes, ditches, buildings, and other necessary improvements and for the purchase, planting, growing, and harvesting of grains and other crops for the feeding of waterfowl and other wildlife frequenting the localities where such lands may be purchased or rented.

Approved May 18, 1948.

16 U. S. C. §§ 715g-715i, 715j-715n.

45 Stat. 1224.
16 U. S. C. § 715i.

16 U. S. C., Supp I, § 704 note.
Availability of funds.
Post, p. 1145.

[CHAPTER 305]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409) (Public Law Numbered 219 of the Eightieth Congress).

May 19, 1948
[H. R. 4892]
[Public Law 535]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of section 2 of the Act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409), is amended by striking out the period at the end of the sentence and adding the following: "and upon retirement any officer who is serving, or has served not less than two and one-half years as assistant commandant or engineer in chief (unless entitled to retire at a higher rank or pay under other provisions of law) shall retire with the rank of rear admiral and with the retired pay of a rear admiral (upper half)".

Coast Guard.
14 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 6b.

Approved May 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 309]

AN ACT

For the relief of Jeffersonville Flood Control District, Jeffersonville, Indiana, a municipal corporation.

May 19, 1948
[H. R. 2000]
[Public Law 536]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon written notice from the Secretary of the Navy that the Jeffersonville Flood Control District has complied with the provisions of section 2 of this

Jeffersonville Flood Control District, Jeffersonville, Ind.