

**CHAP. 331.**—An Act Amending the Act of June eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled “An Act to authorize the President to appoint an officer of the Navy or the Marine Corps to perform the duties of solicitor and judge-advocate-general, and so forth, and to fix the rank and pay of such officer,” and for other purposes.

June 5, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act “to authorize the President to appoint an officer of the Navy or the Marine Corps to perform the duties of solicitor and judge-advocate general, and so forth, and to fix the rank and pay of such officer,” approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty, is hereby amended by inserting in said Act in lieu of the words “with the rank, pay, and allowances of a captain in the Navy, or a colonel in the Marine Corps, as the case may be,” the words “with the rank and highest pay of a captain in the Navy, or the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel in the Marine Corps, as the case may be:” *Provided,* That this amendment shall take effect from July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the date on which the present incumbent entered on duty, and that the amount herein appropriated shall be payable from the appropriation “Pay of the Navy.”

Navy.  
Pay of judge-advocate-general increased.  
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*Proviso.*  
To date back.

Received by the President, May 25, 1896.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

**CHAP. 335.**—An Act Relating to the sale of gas in the District of Columbia.

June 6, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Washington Gaslight Company of the District of Columbia is authorized to charge and collect, after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, for illuminating gas furnished to and paid for by private consumers in the District of Columbia, at the rate of not exceeding one dollar and ten cents per thousand cubic feet, until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, after which last-named date the rate shall not exceed one dollar per thousand cubic feet; and that after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the Washington Gaslight Company of the District of Columbia shall furnish to the United States Government and the District of Columbia gas at the rate of one dollar per thousand cubic feet: *Provided,* That if consumers other than the Government shall not pay monthly any gas bill within ten days after the same shall have been presented, said company may charge and collect from said consumer so failing to pay said bill as aforesaid one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet for the gas furnished to said consumer during said month.

District of Columbia.  
Gas, in Washington.  
Price to consumers.

To the Government.

*Proviso.*  
Extra charge if not paid in ten days.

**SEC. 2.** That the Georgetown Gaslight Company, doing business in that part of the District of Columbia formerly known as Georgetown, is authorized to charge and collect, after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, for illuminating gas furnished to, and paid for, by private consumers in that part of the District of Columbia, at the rate of not exceeding one dollar and thirty-five cents per thousand cubic feet, until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, after which last-named date the rate shall not exceed one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet; and that after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the said Georgetown Gaslight Company shall furnish to the United States Government and the District of Columbia gas at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet: *Provided,* That if consumers, other than the Government, shall not pay monthly any gas bill within ten days after the

Gas, in Georgetown.  
Price to consumers.

To the Government.

*Proviso.*  
Extra charge if not paid in ten days.