

Proviso.
Payments heretofore made, validated.

Act, as amended: *Provided*, That payments heretofore made to enlisted men of the sixth and seventh grades of the National Guard holding specialists' ratings of one-thirtieth of the specialists' pay provided in section 9 of said Pay Readjustment Act for each day spent in participating in exercises or performing the duties provided for by sections 94, 97, 99, and 110 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended, be, and the same are hereby, validated.

Warrant officers.
Payments to, for service between July 1, 1922, and October 29, 1923, validated.
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SEC. 7. That payments made to warrant officers of the National Guard, under the provisions of section 14 of the Pay Readjustment Act of June 10, 1922, for the performance of their duties during the period beginning with the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending with the 29th day of October, 1923, be, and the same are hereby, validated, notwithstanding the nonexistence during said period of regulations authorized to be prescribed by said section, and warrant officers who during said period performed the duties prescribed by the Secretary of War in paragraph 928 (b) of National Guard Regulations, 1922, as amended by changes numbered 9 to such regulations, dated October 30, 1923, and who have not been paid therefor, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of said regulations.

Payments validated for attendance at drills ordered for only part of an organization.

SEC. 8. That payments heretofore made to captains, lieutenants, and enlisted men belonging to organizations of the National Guard for attendance at drills regularly ordered for only a subdivision or part of an organization, under the authority of any provision of the National Guard regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War and in effect at the time said drills were held, be, and the same are hereby, validated and such captains, lieutenants, and enlisted men who have heretofore participated in drills held under the conditions described in this section and who have not been paid therefor, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of said National Guard Regulations in effect at the time said drills were held.

Approved, June 3, 1924.

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[H. R. 731.]
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CHAP. 249.—An Act Authorizing the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians in Oklahoma to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

Wichita, etc., Indians, Okla.
All claims of, submitted to Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all claims of whatsoever nature which the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians in Oklahoma may have against the United States may be submitted to the Court of Claims for determination of the amount, if any, due said tribes or bands of Indians from the United States under any treaties, agreements, or laws of Congress, or for the misappropriation of any of the funds of said tribes or bands, or for the failure of the United States to pay said tribes or bands any moneys or other property due; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Court of Claims, with the right of either party to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, to hear and determine as right and justice may require and upon a full and fair arbitration all legal and equitable claims, if any, of said tribes or bands against the United States, and to enter judgment thereon.

Jurisdiction and appeal.

Statutes of limitation not a bar.

SEC. 2. That if any claim or claims be submitted to said court, it shall settle the rights therein, both legal and equitable, of each and all the parties thereto, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation, and any payment which may have been made upon any claim so submitted shall not be pleaded as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as an offset in such suits or actions; and the United States shall be allowed credit for all sums including gratuities heretofore paid or expended for the benefit of said tribes or any band thereof.

Offsets, etc.

The claim or claims of the Wichita and affiliated bands may be presented separately or jointly by petition, subject, however, to amendment, suit to be filed within five years after the date of the passage of this Act; and such action shall make the petitioner or petitioners party plaintiff or plaintiffs and the United States party defendant, and any band or bands of the said Wichita and affiliated bands or any other tribe or bands of Indians the court may deem necessary to a final determination of such suit or suits may be joined therein as the court may order. Such petition or petitions shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed by the Wichita and affiliated bands or any tribe or band thereof under contract approved in accordance with existing law and no other verification shall be necessary. Official letters, papers, documents, and public records, or certified copies thereof may be used in evidence, and the departments of the Government shall give access to the attorney or attorneys of said tribes or bands thereof to such treaties, papers, correspondence, or records as may be needed by the attorney or attorneys for said tribes of Indians.

Procedure.

Verification of petition.

Evidence admitted.

Attorneys' fees by court decree.

Limitation.

Payment from judgment. Balance to credit of Indians.

SEC. 3. That upon the final determination of such suit or cause of action, the Court of Claims shall decree such fees as it shall find reasonable to be paid to the attorney or attorneys employed therein by said tribes under contracts negotiated and approved as provided by existing law, but in no case shall the fees decreed by said court amount to more than 10 per centum of the amount of the judgment recovered in such cause, and in no event shall such fee amount in the aggregate under one attorneyship for each tribe to more than \$25,000, and shall be paid out of any judgment that may be recovered; and the balance of such judgment shall be placed in the United States Treasury to the credit of the Indians entitled thereto, where it shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

Approved, June 4, 1924.

CHAP. 250.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to fix and regulate the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia," approved June 20, 1906, as amended, and for other purposes.

June 4, 1924.
[H. R. 6721.]
[Public, No. 188.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after July 1, 1924, the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia shall be as follows:

Public schools, D. C.
Salaries established.

ARTICLE I.—SALARIES OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LIBRARIANS.

Teachers and librarians.

CLASS 1.—TEACHERS IN KINDERGARTENS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Kindergartens and elementary schools.

Group A.—A basic salary of \$1,400 per year, with an annual increase in salary of \$100 for eight years, or until a maximum salary of \$2,200 per year is reached.

Group A.

Group B.—A basic salary of \$2,300 per year, with an annual increase in salary of \$100 for three years, or until a maximum salary of \$2,600 per year is reached.

Group B.

CLASS 2.—TEACHERS IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Junior high.

A teacher in the junior high schools who possesses the eligibility requirements of teachers in the elementary schools and who in addition has met the higher eligibility requirements established by

With elementary school requirement.