

BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

For all necessary expenditures by the United States Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, created by Public Resolution Numbered 38, approved December 2, 1924, including compensation of employees and expert advisers and traveling and other expenses of the commission, \$10,000, to be expended in its discretion.

Expenses of celebration. Vol. 43, p. 671.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, and is specifically authorized by other law.

Personal services in District of Columbia.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries. Vol. 42, p. 1488.

If only one position in a grade.

Allowance in unusually meritorious cases.

*Proviso.* Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service. No fixed salary reduced.

Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

Approved, April 22, 1926.

CHAP. 173.—An Act To legalize a pier into the Atlantic Ocean at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

April 23, 1926. [H. R. 5012.] [Public, No. 142.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to Rehoboth Beach Anglers Club, a Delaware corporation at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to maintain a pier constructed by it without permit into the Atlantic Ocean at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue at that place: *Provided*, That any changes in the said structure which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by the owner thereof at its own expense.

Rehoboth Beach, Del. Pier into the Atlantic Ocean at, legalized.

*Proviso.* Changes when necessary.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, April 23, 1926.

CHAP. 174.—An Act Authorizing the designation of postmasters by the Postmaster General as disbursing officers for the payment of contractors, emergency carriers, and temporary carriers, for performance of authorized service on power boat and star routes in Alaska.

April 23, 1926. [H. R. 8192.] [Public, No. 143.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That postmasters may be designated by the Postmaster General as disbursing officers

Postal Service. Postmasters to pay star route, etc., service in Alaska.

for the payment of contractors, emergency carriers, and temporary carriers, for performance of authorized service on power boat and star routes in Alaska.

Approved, April 23, 1926.

April 24, 1926.  
[H. R. 9685.]

[Public, No. 144.]

**CHAP. 176.**—An Act Providing for expenses of the offices of recorder of deeds and register of wills of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Fees, etc., of recorder  
of deeds and register of  
wills to be deposited  
weekly in the Treas-  
ury.

*Proviso.*  
Retention for unpaid  
obligations for 1927 and  
prior years.

Estimates for both  
offices to be submitted.  
*Post*, p. 1301.

New building for re-  
corder of deeds au-  
thorized.

*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, 1927, all of the fees and emoluments of the offices of recorder of deeds and register of wills of the District of Columbia shall be paid at least weekly to the collector of taxes for the District of Columbia for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That such of the undeposited fees and emoluments arising out of the fiscal year 1927 and prior fiscal years as may be necessary for the payment of outstanding and unpaid obligations for those fiscal years may be retained for that purpose.

**SEC. 2.** The annual estimates of appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1928 and succeeding fiscal years shall include estimates of appropriations for the operation and maintenance of such offices. And appropriations are hereby authorized for a suitable record building for the office of the recorder of deeds, and for personal services, rentals, office equipment, office supplies, and such other expenditures as are essential for the efficient maintenance and conduct of such offices.

Approved, April 24, 1926.

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[S. 3213.]

[Public, No. 145.]

**CHAP. 177.**—An Act To provide for the disposition of moneys of the legally adjudged insane of Alaska who have been cared for by the Secretary of the Interior.

Alaska.  
Moneys of dead, etc.,  
insane under Govern-  
ment care in, unclaim-  
ed for five years, to be  
covered into Treasury.

*Proviso.*  
Application to prior  
deaths, etc.

Inquiries to ascertain  
whereabouts of heirs,  
etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That hereafter all moneys belonging to persons legally adjudged insane in the Territory of Alaska and deposited by them with the person, firm, corporation, or institution under contract with the Department of the Interior for the care of the Alaskan insane who have died in such institution, or under the care of such person, firm, or corporation, been discharged therefrom, or who have eloped and whose whereabouts is unknown, shall, if unclaimed by said person or their legal heirs within the period of five years from the time of death of the person or the date of the leaving of the institution, or the care of such person, firm, or corporation, be covered into the Treasury by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided, however*, That the unclaimed moneys belonging to those who have heretofore died or left the institution, or the care of such person, firm, or corporation, prior to the date of this Act shall, at the end of five years from the passage of this Act, also be deposited in the Treasury, subject, however, to reclamation by such persons or their legal heirs within five years from the date of this Act.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed under such regulations as he may prescribe, to make, or cause diligent inquiry to be made, in every instance after the death, discharge, or elopement of any legally adjudged insane person of Alaska, to ascertain his whereabouts, or that of his or her legal heirs, and thereafter turn over to the proper party any moneys in the hands